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Town of Effingham 2000 Annual Report



The 2000 Effingham Town Report
is dedicated to

Raymond B. Van Tassel

Father of the Planning Board
1927-2000

With the passing of Bodie, the Planning Board and the entire town lost a respected friend who can never be replaced. He was a charter member of the planning board and was honored by the NH Office of State Planning for the 28 years he served. His knowledge and his insight will be missed.

Caroline Potter

Lifelong resident and town historian

Marilyn Brown

Resident and member of Effingham's first zoning board

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SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE EFFINGHAM TOWN MEETING 2000

SESSION I: TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2000

The Moderator, Susan Slack, called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM, read the first four (4) articles on the Warrant and opened the polls. The Moderator closed the polls at 7:00 PM. 891 Registered Voters on Checklist

417 Town and Zoning Ballots Cast

19 Absentee Ballots Cast

The following were the results of the Town of Effingham Ballot Land Use Regulations Questions:

ARTICLE #2 (Question No. 1): Are you in favor of the adoption of the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board which will establish two village overlay districts which are intended to protect the Town's existing historic districts; to incorporate into the zoning ordinance the Town's historic districts; to establish a rural/agricultural district, and to provide for uses of right and by special exception, as well as minimum dimensional requirements for individual lots?

229 YES

204 NO

ARTICLE #3 (Question No. 2): Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend the steep slopes ordinance of the Town of Effingham and incorporate same into the zoning ordinance. Its intent is to regulate the subdivision and disruption of land with slopes greater than 15% and/or elevations greater than 1300 feet; reduce damage to lakes and streams caused by erosion, storm water, and effluent; and to preserve vegetative cover and wildlife habitat?

232 YES

194 NO

ARTICLE #4 (Question No. 3): Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend the wetlands ordinance of the Town of Effingham and incorporate same into the zoning ordinance. Its intent is to prevent damage of property and degradation of surface and ground water quality and quantity; to prevent or minimize soil erosion; to prevent the loss of unique and unusual natural areas; to protect wildlife habitat and plant species?

240 YES

188 NO

SESSION II: SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2000

Moderator Susan Slack called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the salute to the flag. Approximately 60 townspeople were in attendance.

ARTICLE #5: "To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its agents and auditors (Majority vote required).". Selectman Chris Seamans reported that several errors and omissions were contained in the Town Report. Melissa Ferland added that the 1999 audit was scheduled to begin on April 8, 2000. Stan Drelick stated that there was "not enough information available" to make a decision on Article #5. A motion was made and seconded to amend the wording in Article #5 to read, "To see if the Town will vote to delay acceptance of the reports of its agents and auditors until a full accounting is completed." Article #5, as amended, passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #6: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) to be added to the Police Cruiser and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).". There was no discussion. Article #6 passed by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded to postpone discussion and voting on Article #7 until after Article #11. Stan Drelick explained, "perhaps the Town

should consider a different approach" for rescue and could "better allocate these rescue funds." The motion passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE #8: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Fire Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." A motion was made and seconded to amend the amount of money in Article #8 to \$20,000.00. D Byers stated that with the proposed budget increase of over 20% for 2000, certain cuts would have to be made. The amendment to Article #8 passed by majority voice vote. Article #8, amended to read \$20,000.00, passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #21: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$14,779.00) to hire a part-time, 24-hour per week police officer. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." D Byers stated that the Town does not need to incur this expense at the present time. Selectman Seamans stated that the increased number of calls should be considered. Acting Chief Donald Grow explained that an additional police office would mean more visibility and coverage for the Town. The new officer's schedule would vary. Stan Drelick felt that the Town had tried to "squeak by" with one part-time officer for too long a period of time. Acting Police Chief Grow stated that currently _ of his allotted time each week is spent on clerical work. Article #21 passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE #22: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "If Article #20 is passed, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3950.00) to increase the operating expenses and outfit the part-time police officer with basic issue. Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for training, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for supplies. One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for cruiser expense Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00) for officer's basic issue. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." A motion was made and seconded to amend Article #22 to read, "If Article #21 is passed..." The motion to correct the wording in Article #22 passed by unanimous voice vote. Acting Chief Grow explained that "basic issue" consisted of uniforms, vest, handcuffs, etc., but that a handgun had already been purchased. Acting Chief Grow stated that the cruiser would be shared by the two police officers. Article #22, as amended for wording, passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE #9: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5500.00) for a personal allotment for Effingham Fire Department Members. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." Article #9 passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #10: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) for a personal allotment for Effingham Rescue Squad members. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." There was no discussion. Article #10 passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #11: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$7200.00) to finance the agreement between the Town of Effingham and MedStar EMS for the purpose to provide back-up ambulance service for the calendar year 2000. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." A

question was asked concerning whether Effingham Rescue billed insurance companies for services rendered – the answer was no, but that MedStar does bill insurance for services. Andrea Hubbard, member of ERU, stated that the cost to get a system in place, and someone to do the work, would be cost prohibitive at this time. Article #11 passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE #7: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7500.00) to be added to the Rescue Unit Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." Article #7 passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE #12: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the existing Emergency Management/Disaster Expendable General Trust Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." A motion was made and seconded to amend the appropriation in Article #12 to \$7,000.00. Article #12, as amended to read \$7,000.00, passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE #13: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9500.00) for the repairs and maintenance of town owned bridges. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." Selectman McConnell stated that monies from this Article were used in 1999 to make repairs to the Snow Road bridge. The Selectmen have not yet received the 2000 list from the State of "red line" bridges that must be repaired. Article #13 passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #14: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for roadside clearing, brush cutting and mowing. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." Article #14 passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #15: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote raise appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) for road resurfacing and sealing. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." Article #15, as amended for grammar, passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #16: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) for road reconstruction. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required. Article #16 passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE #17: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Huntress Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen are designated agents to expend. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required. A motion was made and seconded to amend Article #17 to \$5,000.00. The amendment to Article #17 passed by majority show of hands, 39 Yes – 22 No. Article #17, as amended to read \$5,000.00, passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE #18: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7500.00) to add to the existing Municipal Buildings Expendable Trust for the purpose of repairing and maintaining all municipal buildings and parking lots. The Selectmen are designated agents to expend. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee

recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." Selectman Seamans said that Pine Tree Engineering has been contacted to structurally review the Town Hall and that grant monies may be available. George Pierson commented that the Town Hall should have an alarm system. Article #18 passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #19: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$6100.00). Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$4800.00) for the engineering services for monitoring the landfill site and One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1300.00) for water quality analysis of the landfill site. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." A motion was made and seconded to reduce the total appropriation for Article #19 to \$5,700.00. Article #19, as amended to \$5,700.00, passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #20: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00) to treat all town gravel roads, twice each, with pressurized liquefied calcium chloride to help stabilize the gravel and control dust pollution. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." Selectman McConnell stated that the calcium chloride has a residual effect and builds-up over time. Selectman Seamans stated that calcium chloride has no environmental impact whatsoever. Article #20 passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE #23: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust in accordance with RSA 31:19-A to be known as the Effingham Fire Station #2 Expendable Trust, for the purpose of building an addition on the fire station and raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) toward this purpose. The Selectmen would be designated agents to expend. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." Tom Green stated that Effingham Fire wants to establish a fund for an addition to be built in 4-5 years. The possibility of making EFD Station #2 a "Safety Center" with fire/rescue/police was also discussed. There has been no study done or drawings made for the proposed expansion. A motion was made and seconded to reduce the amount of money in Article #23 to \$5,000.00. The amendment was defeated by majority voice vote. Article #23, with grammatical amendments, passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE #24: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00) to buy, deliver it and spread crushed gravel on Huntress Bridge Road. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." Article #24 was passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE #25: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust in accordance with RSA 31:19-A to be known as the Effingham Dry Hydrant Expendable Trust, for the purpose of installing and maintaining dry hydrants and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) toward this purpose. The Selectmen would be designated agents to expend. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." Article #25, with grammatical amendments, passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #26: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to transfer One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from the General Fund to be added to the Fire Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. One

Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) was from the Town of Parsonsfield in 1999. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required Article #26 passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #27: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the existing Community Center Expendable Trust. The Selectmen would be designated agents to expend. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." A motion was made and seconded to reduce the amount of money in Article #27 to \$5,000.00. Article #27, as amended for wording and reducing the amount to \$5,000.00, passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE #28: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars (\$422.00) in order for the town to participate in the Lakes Region Planning Commissions' 2000 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." Article #28 passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #29: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "If Ballot Question #2 passes, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) to hire a part-time Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." Gary Jewell explained that duties of the ZEO would be to make sure all codes are adhered to, proper filing of forms and charging violations as needed. Selectman McConnell stated that the ZEO is projected to work 8-10 hours each week and be paid \$12.00 per hour. The Moderator received a signed petition to vote on Article #29 via secret ballot. Article #29 passed by ballot vote, 49 Yes – 16 No.

ARTICLE #30: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "If Ballot Question #2 passes, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3200.00) for an operating budget for the Effingham Zoning Board of Adjustment to include the purchase of a file cabinet, tape recorder and supplies. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) The Moderator received a signed petition to vote on Article #30 via secret ballot. Article #30 passed by ballot vote, 49 Yes – 15 No.

ARTICLE #31: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) to be placed in the existing non-lapsing warrant article for the purpose of updating the Master Plan and Land Use Regulations. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." Selectman McConnell stated that the Article was entered into the warrant as it was submitted. Article #31, as amended for wording, passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #32: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$1933.00) to restore and microfilm two Vital Statistics Books (dated 1886 to 1926) for their historic preservation. This is designated as a non-lapsing Special Warrant Article. Petitioned by Andrea S. Hubbard and others. (Majority vote required)." Article #32 passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #33: SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE "To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable fund trust known as Uninsured Loss Expendable Trust Fund and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) toward this purpose. This fund would cover all town personnel that are employed, elected and appointed, including members of the fire department of rescue squad. The

Selectmen would be designated agents to expend. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)." Chief Thompson explained that this money would cover small items not covered by the \$1,000.00 deductible on the Town's insurance policy, i.e., eyeglasses, radios, clothing, etc. Article #33, as amended for wording, passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #34: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$589,786.00) for the ensuing year for general Town operations. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends an appropriation of Five Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$587,786.00). (Majority vote required.)"

EXECUTIVE: \$51,529*

Selectmen \$10,500

Trustee of Funds 200*

A motion was made and seconded to amend Trustee of Trust Funds to \$250.00.

Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Moderator 375*

A motion was made and seconded to amend Moderator to \$500.00 Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Secretary 7,644

Bookkeeper 15,600

Supplies 10,700

Mellisa Ferland explained that \$7,000.00 of the Supplies money is designated for a new copy machine for Town Hall.

Postage 400

Telephone 1,500

Mileage 200

Salary Expense 2,360

Recording Fees 250

Workshops 700

Town Report Printing 1,100

TOTAL EXECUTIVE (As Amended): \$51,704

ELECTION & REGISTRATION: \$13,365*

Town Clerk \$3,250*

There was considerable discussion concerning the \$1,000.00 raise requested by the Town Clerk. A motion was made and seconded to reduce the line for Town Clerk to \$2,500. Passed by hand count of 26 Yes – 23 No.

Deputy Town Clerk 800

A motion to reduce the Deputy Town Clerk to \$600.00 failed by majority voice vote.

Checklist Supervisors 900

Ballot Clerks 800

Supplies 950

Postage 350

Telephone 200

Clerk Fees 5,500

Clerk Associations 20

Mileage 300

The Town Clerk reported that she was currently be reimbursed for mileage at 25 cents per mile. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse mileage at 32 cents per mile.

Advertising	400	
Election Expenses	650	
Salary Expense	285	
TOTAL ELECTION & REGISTRATION (As Amended):		\$13,365
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION:		\$24,230*
Tax Collector		\$3,250*
A motion was made and seconded to reduce the line item for Tax Collector to \$2,500.00. Passed by majority show of hands.		
Deputy Tax Collector	800	
A motion to reduce the line item for Deputy Tax Collector failed by majority voice vote.		
Treasurer	1,200*	
A motion was made and seconded to increase the line item for Treasurer to \$1,500.00. Passed by unanimous voice vote.		
Deputy Treasurer	600	
Banking Charges	300	
Supplies	1,050	
Postage	2,500	
Telephone	200	
Mileage	300	
Registry of Deeds	500	
Associations	20	
Tax Collector Fees	7,000	
Auditors	6,000	
Vital Statistics	100	
Salary Expense	410	
TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION (As Amended):		\$23,780
Revaluation		\$ 5,000
Planning & Zoning		\$ 3,900
Government Buildings:		\$
7,268*		
Salaries	\$2,800	
Supplies	50	
Electricity	3,000	
Heating Fuel	\$1,200*	
A motion was made to increase Heating Fuel line item to \$1,600.00. Passed by unanimous voice vote.		
Salary Expense	\$ 218	
TOTAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS (As Amended):		\$ 7,668
Cemeteries		\$ 2,500
It was reported by Selectman Seamans that Woodland Cemetery has now been surveyed.		
Insurance Fees		\$10,000
Advertising/Dues		2,200
POLICE:		31,995
Salaries	\$23,088	
Acting Chief Grow stated that \$8,060.00 is for a secretary (\$12.00 per hour) and \$15,028.00 is his salary (24 hours per week).		
Supplies	\$ 3,640	
Telephone	\$ 600	
Cruiser Expense	1,400	
Gasoline	1,200*	

A motion was made and seconded to increase the line item for Police Department gasoline to \$1,500.00. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Salary Expense	\$ 1,767	
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT (As Amended):	\$31,995	
Rescue Squad		\$15,315
FIRE DEPARTMENT:		\$31,450

Supplies/Training	\$19,350*	
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Chief Thompson explained that the increase of \$2,000.00 over what the Budget Committee recommended was for servicing SCBA's and \$2,000.00 for a dry hydrant. A motion was made and seconded to amend the line item for Fire Department Supplies/Training to \$18,350. Passed by majority voice vote.

Telephone	\$ 1,000	
Electricity	2,850	
Heat	1,200*	

A motion was made and seconded to increase the line item for Fire Department Heat to \$1,800.00. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Fuel	\$ 800*	
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A motion was made and seconded to increase the line item for Fire Department Fuel to \$1,200.00. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mutual Aid	\$ 2,750	
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT:		\$31,450
Emergency/Forest/911		\$

2,500		
HIGHWAYS/STREETS:	\$239,000	
Summer Roads	\$ 85,000	
Winter Roads	\$154,000	
Street Lighting	\$ 4,500	
SOLID WASTE:	75,950	

Salaries	\$12,500	
Certification	500	
Electric/Heat	1,000	
Telephone	450	
Supplies	2,000	
Tire Disposal	5,000	
Repairs/Maintenance	1,500	
Salary Expense	1,000	
Solid Waste Contract	52,000	
PEST CONTROL:		\$ 6,368

Salary	\$ 3,500	
Mileage	1,100	
Supplies	640	
Telephone	60	
Animal Expense	800	
Salary Expense	268	
LEGAL:		\$30,000
AGENCIES/HOSPITALS:		\$ 4,226

VNA	\$1,076	
CAP	1,500	
Starting Point	275	
CCMH	450	
Family Health Center	635	

Center of Hope	290	
GENERAL ASSISTANCE		\$10,500
VENDOR PAYMENTS		\$ 4,000
RECREATION/PARKS		\$ 4,000
Town of Ossipee	\$3,500	
Recreation (Other)	500	
LIBRARY		\$ 2,000
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		\$ 1,500
CONSERVATION		\$ 750
TOWN FORESTER		\$ 1,000
TAN INTEREST		\$ 4,000

ARTICLE #35: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to review and approve site plans as provided by RSA 674:43. (Majority vote required)." Donna Nicholson explained that this Article applies to commercial developments and multi-family site plans only. Gary Jewell added that this Article will give "power" to the Planning Board. Article #35 passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE #36: "To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken on Article #23 at the March 12, 1988 Town Meeting and return to the Tax Sale Procedure per RSA 80. Tax Sales will begin with the unpaid 2000 property taxes. Petitioned by Jory B. Augenti and others. (Majority vote required)." Article #36 was defeated by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE #37: "To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, New Hampshire's natural, cultural and historic resources in this town and throughout the state are worthy of protection and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should establish and fund a permanent public/private partnership for the voluntary conservation of these important resources. (Majority vote required)." Article #37 was passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE #38: "To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting."

Selectman McConnell presented outgoing Selectman Chris Seamans with a gift (granite clock) and thanked Mr. Seamans for his five years of service and invaluable knowledge to the Town of Effingham.

The 2000 Town Meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 3:14 PM by Moderator Susan Slack.

Complete 2000 town meeting minutes are available at the town clerk's office as is a tape recording of the meeting.

2001 EFFINGHAM TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Effingham in the County of Carroll in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Effingham Town Hall in said Effingham on Tuesday, March 13, 2001 at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, polls to be open from 11:00am to 7:00pm to act upon Articles 1, 2, 3,4,5,6, and 7 with the meeting to reconvene at nine o'clock in the forenoon of Saturday, March 17, 2001 at the Effingham Town Hall in Effingham to act upon the remaining Articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Length of Term</i>
Selectman	3 year term
Budget Committee	3 year term
Budget Committee	3 year term
Budget Committee	2 year term
Planning Board	3 year term
Planning Board	3 year term
Planning Board	2 year term
Planning Board	2 year term
Zoning Board	3 year term
Zoning Board	3 year term
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 year term
Trustee of Trust Funds	1 year term
Trustee of the library	3 year term
Cemetery Trustee	3 year term
Cemetery Trustee	1 year term

Article 2. Are you in favor of the repeal of the zoning ordinance of the Town of Effingham, as proposed by petition? Petitioned by Ronald Rogers and others. The Planning Board does not recommend a repeal of the zoning ordinance. The Planning Board recommends a No vote on this warrant article.

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Effingham Zoning Ordinance as follows: An Ordinance titled "Telecommunications Ordinance" The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate and provide opportunity for the siting of wireless telecommunications facilities while keeping, first and foremost, the rural, environmental and scenic qualities of the Town consistent with its Master Plan; Promote co-location ; Require use of existing structures whenever possible.

Article 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Effingham Zoning Ordinance as follows: The purpose is to add Telecommunications Facilities to Table 1 Permitted Uses by District or Zone; permitted by special exception.

Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Effingham Zoning Ordinance as follows: The purpose of this Ordinance is to govern the use of existing lots of record: Lots of Record must have sufficient frontage; must support a well and septic system; structures on lots of record must comply with setback requirements.

Article 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Effingham Zoning Ordinance as follows: Its purpose is to reduce the front setback requirements from 75 to 50 feet and the side setback from 50 to 30 feet in the rural/agricultural district.

Article 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Effingham Zoning Ordinance as follows: Its purpose is to amend Section 706 Expansion of a Non-Conforming Structure: Keeping with the present 20% expansion for non-residential purposes and increasing the allowable expansion for residential purposes to 30%; with the creation of additional bedrooms, compliance with water and pollution standards must be shown to the Enforcement Officer.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its agents and auditors.
(Majority vote required)

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to finance the agreement between the Town of Effingham and a qualified emergency medical provider for the purpose of providing full-time ambulance service for the calendar year 2001. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the board of selectmen to negotiate with a qualified emergency medical provider for the sale of the Town of Effingham ambulance in exchange for full-time ambulance service to the Town of Effingham.

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Rescue Unit Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve and transfer all principal and interest to the General Fund in accordance with RSA 35:16-a. **(Majority vote required)**

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) and to deposit that amount in the Fire Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund; the source of said funds being all principal and interest generated by the discontinuance of the Rescue Unit Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 13. If Article 9 fails, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400) to finance the agreement between the Town of Effingham and Medstar EMS for the purpose to provide backup ambulance service for the calendar year 2001. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 14. If Article 9 fails, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for a personal allotment for Effingham Rescue Squad members. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000, for a contract with the Carroll County Sheriff's Department to provide a full time deputy and total coverage for the town, to replace the existing police department. Petitioned by Deirdre Byers and others. **(Majority vote required)**

Not recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Six Hundred (\$40,600) to hire a full-time police officer. Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) is to come from a federal COPS grant and Ten Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$10,600) will come from general taxation. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Not recommended by the budget committee

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500) for the repairs and maintenance of town owned bridges. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Not recommended by the budget committee

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for roadside clearing, brush cutting and mowing. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Not recommended by the budget committee

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote raise appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) for road resurfacing and sealing. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
\$30,000 not recommended by the budget committee

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) for road reconstruction. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
\$15,000 not recommended by the budget committee

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to be placed in the existing Emergency Management/ Disaster Expendable General Fund Trust. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
\$5,000 not recommended by the budget committee

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Huntress Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 23.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to add to the existing Municipal Buildings Expendable Trust for the purpose of repairing and maintaining all municipal buildings and parking lots.
(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 24.

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-A to be known as the Grange Expendable Trust for the purpose of restoring the Grange building and bringing it up to state standards for a public meeting hall and raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) toward this purpose. The selectmen would be designated agents to expend.
(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Not recommended by the budget committee

Article 25.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Fire Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, and the transfer of the January 1, 2001 fund balance in that amount for this purpose. (\$1,000 was received from the Town of Parsonsfield in the year 2000).
(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 26.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the existing Community Center Expendable Trust.
(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the board of selectmen
\$5,000 not recommended by the budget committee

Article 27.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
\$2,500 not recommended by the budget committee

Article 28.

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust in accordance with RSA 31:19-A to be known as the Effingham Tax Map Expendable Trust, for the purpose of updating the Town of Effingham tax maps and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) toward this purpose. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
\$2,500 not recommended by the budget committee

Article 29.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars (\$422) to enable the town to participate in the Lakes Region Planning Commissions' 2001 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.
(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 30.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$6,100) - a total made up of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$4,800) for the engineering services for monitoring the landfill site and One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300) for water quality analysis of the landfill site. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 31.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) for a personal allotment for Effingham Fire Department members. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 32.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the purchase a new fire truck and to authorize the issuance of not more than Ninety-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$99,000) of bonds and notes and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and note and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) plus interest, from the existing capital reserve fund created for this purpose. The balance is to come from general taxation. **(2/3 ballot vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 33.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred seventy-five Dollars (\$3,575) for the purpose of erecting a granite post enclosure connected by black chain link which will circumference the section known as Section II of the Woodland Cemetery. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 34.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty One Dollars (\$251) to add to the existing Uninsured Loss Expendable Trust to replace monies spent from the fund in 2000. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
Recommended by the budget committee

Article 35.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty One Dollars (~~\$683,561~~) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special or individual articles addressed. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the board of selectmen
\$24,317 not recommended by the budget committee.

663,418.00

	Selectmen Recommend	Budget committee recommends
Executive:		
Selectmen	10,500	10,500
Trustee of Funds	250	250
Moderator	500	500
Secretary	28,866	28,866
Bookkeeper	10,000	10,000
Supplies	3,200	3,200
Postage	400	400
Telephone	2000	2000
Mileage	600	600
Salary Expense	3477	3477
Recording Fees	250	250
Workshops	700	700
Town Report Printing	1700	1700
TOTAL Executive:	62,443	\$ 51,467
Election & Registration		
Town Clerk	2750	2500
Deputy Clerk	550	550
Checklist Supers	900	900
Ballot Clerk	400	400
Supplies	2350	2350
Postage	300	300
Telephone	200	200
Clerk Fees	5000	5000
Clerk Associations	40	40
Mileage	350	350
Advertising	200	200
Salary Expense	211	211
TOTAL Election & Registration:	13,251	13,001
Financial Administration		
Tax Collector	2750	2500
Deputy Tax Collector	550	550
Treasurer	1500	1500
Deputy Treasurer	600	600
Banking Charges	300	300
Supplies	5,350 4350	4350
Postage	3,200 2500	2500
Telephone	200	200
Mileage	350	350
Registry of Deeds	600	600
Associations	20	20
Tax Collect. Fees	7000	7000
Auditors	16,000 6000	6000
Vital Statistics	500	500
Salary Expense	300	300
TOTAL Financial Administration:	27,520	27,270
Revaluation	7500	7500
TOTAL Revaluation:	7500	7500
Planning & Zoning	3920	3920
TOTAL Planning & Zoning:	3920	3920
Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Officer Salary	5000	5000
Supplies & Expenses	3200	3200
TOTAL ZBA:	8200	8200

	Selectmen Recommend	Budget committee recommends
Government Buildings:		
Salaries	3300	3300
Supplies	1000	1000
Electricity	3650	3650
Heating Fuel	2400	2400
Salary Expense	260	260
TOTAL Government Buildings:	10,610 ✓	10,610
Cemeteries	2500	2500
TOTAL Cemeteries:	2500 ✓	2500
Insurance Fees	10,000	10,000
TOTAL Insurance Fees:	10,000 ✓	10,000
Advertising/Dues	3000	3000
TOTAL Advertising/Dues:	3000 ✓	3000
Police:		26,110✓
Salaries	35,984	35,984
Supplies	5425	5425
Telephone	1200	1200
Cruiser Expense	1500	1500
Gasoline	1500	1500
Salary Expense	1250	1250
TOTAL Police:	46,859	45,859✓
Rescue Squad		
Appropriation	15,017	7500
TOTAL Rescue Squad:	15,017	7500
Fire Department		
Supplies/Training	11,600	11,600
Telephone	1000	1000
Electricity	2850	2850
Heat	1800	1800
Fuel	1200	1200
Truck Repairs	3750	3750
Mutual Aid & dues	2800	2500
TOTAL Fire Department:	25,000	24,400
Emergency/Forest/911:	7500	7500
TOTAL Emergency/Forest/911:	7500	7500
Highways/Streets:		108,869
Summer Roads	85,000	85,000
Winter Roads	104,000	104,000
Winter Road Materials	50,000	50,000
Calcium Chloride Treatments	32,000	16,000
Street Lighting:	4500	4500
TOTAL Highways/Streets:	275,500	272,750
Solid Waste:		
Salaries	12,500	12,500
Certification	500	500
Electric/Heat	1300	1300
Telephone	500	500
Supplies	2000	2000
Tire Disposal	5000	5000
Repairs/Maintenance	1500	1500
Salary Expense	1000	1000
Solid Waste Contract	68,250	68,250
TOTAL Solid Waste:	92,550	90,550

	Selectmen recommend	Budget committee recommends
Pest Control:		
Salary	3500	3500
Mileage	800	800
Supplies	1150	1150
Telephone	60	60
Animal Expense	800	800
Salary Expense	275	275
TOTAL Pest Control:	6585	6585
Legal	30,000	30,000
TOTAL Legal:	30,000	30,000
Agencies/Hospitals:		
VNA	1671	1671
CAP	2000	2000
Starting Point	300	300
CCMH	450	450
Family Health Center	635	635
Center of Hope	300	300
TOTAL Agencies & Hospitals:	5356	5356
General Assistance	10,000	10,000
TOTAL General Assistance:	10,000	10,000
Vendor Payments	4000	4000
TOTAL Vendor Payments:	4000	4000
Town of Ossipee	3500	3500
Recreation(other)	500	500
TOTAL Recreation/Parks:	4000	4000
Library	3000	3000
TOTAL Library:	3000	3000
Patriotic Purposes	1500	1500
TOTAL Patriotic Purposes:	1500	1500
Conservation	750	750
TOTAL Conservation:	750	750
Town Forester	1000	1000
TOTAL Town Forester:	1000	1000
TAN Interest	6000	6000
TOTAL TAN Interest:	6000	6000
TOTAL ALL BUDGET ITEMS	683,561 663,418	659,244

Article 36.

Are you in favor of Effingham Conservation Commission taking title to certain town-owned properties? Said properties, being all wetlands and of no perceived commercial value, but containing important wildlife habitat and wetland areas. It is the desire of the Conservation Commission to pursue its primary responsibility of stewardship for important wetlands in the town, with the intention of allowing public access for purposes of sportsmanship and recreation. Projected costs for this transfer of title should not exceed \$50.00 and will come out of the existing Conservation Commission funds.

The town-owned properties to be taken into stewardship are:

1. Map 7, Lot 4 - located southwest of Drake Road about 1/2 mile before the junction of Drake and Jones Road. This property has no road frontage and is also located a couple of hundred yards below the confluence of Pine River and the outflow of Hutchins Pond. The parcel is approximately four acres.

- II. Map 8, Lot 7 - located south of the intersection of Jones Road and Town House Road. This property has no road frontage and is behind the two old derelict trailers on Jones Road. The parcel is approximately fifty-four acres.
- III. -VIII. Map 23, Lots 28,29,30,31,32,33-1 - located on the shore of Province Lake consisting of approximately 600 feet of lake frontage. These lots have no possibility of water and septic approval and would help protect the inflow of a small brook into the lake.
- IX. Map 12, Lot 15 - located on the south side of Town House Road just across from the end of Libby Road. Lot has no road frontage. The parcel is approximately 20 acres.
- X. Map 13, Lot 39 - located in wetlands just across the road from the Fox Ridge subdivision off Route 153. Lot has no road frontage. The parcel is approximately 14 acres.

The selectmen recommend this transfer of town-owned land to the Conservation Commission. **(Majority vote required)**

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to direct the selectmen to complete the E-911 process by September 1, 2001. Petitioned by Irene Riordan and others. **(Majority vote required)**

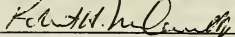
Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to amend article 9 of the 1998 town warrant to include the words "and making alterations to" so that the warrant article will read as follows: "To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-A, to be known as the Municipal Buildings Expendable Trust, for the purpose of repairing, maintaining and making alterations to all municipal buildings and parking lots..." **(2/3 vote required)**

Article 39. To see if the Town, having a Master Plan adopted by the Planning Board, will vote to authorize the Planning Board to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvements projected over a period of at least 6 years, in accordance with RSA 674:5

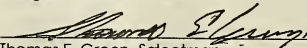
Article 40. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the elected office of Tax Collector in favor of an appointed Tax Collector. RSA 669:17b Petitioned by George Pierson and others.

Article 41. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

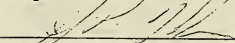
Given our hands and seal this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand One.



Robert H. McConnell, Jr., Chairman
Effingham Board of Selectmen



Thomas E. Green, Selectman
Effingham Board of Selectmen



John P. Meisner, Selectman
Effingham Board of Selectmen

	Actual 1999	Budget 2000	Actual 2000	Proposed 2001
Executive:				
Selectmen	10500.12	10500.00	10500.00	10500.00
Trustee of Funds	200.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Moderator	275.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Secretary	14182.05	7644.00	9943.50	28866.00
Bookkeeper	11742.00	15600.00	15396.00	10000.00
Supplies	2537.09	10700.00	9544.65	3200.00
Postage	161.88	400.00	346.56	400.
Telephone	1638.61	1500.00	1804.41	2000.00
Mileage	216.54	200.00	587.08	600.00
Recording Fees	92.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Workshops	429.32	700.00	0.00	700.
Town Report Printing	820.00	1100.00	1200.	1700.
TOTAL	42794.61	49344.00	50072.20	58966.00
Election & Registration				
Town Clerk	2250.00	2500.00	2500.00	2750.00
Deputy Clerk	234.00	800.00	184.00	550.00
Checklist Supers	600.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
Ballot Clerk	399.50	800.00	2132.00	400.00
Supplies	501.77	950.00	378.18	2350.00
Postage	295.40	350.00	187.21	300.00
Telephone	326.55	200.00	229.83	200.00
Clerk Fees	5801.63	5500.00	5229.22	5000.00
Clerk Associations	20.00	20.00	40.00	40.00
Mileage	353.01	300.00	262.72	350.00
Advertising	120.68	400.00	216.00	200.00
Election Expenses	147.60	650.00	0	0
TOTAL	11050.14	13370.00	12259.16	13040.00
Financial Administration				
Tax Collector	2250.00	2500.00	2500.00	2750.00
Deputy Collector	0	800.00	45.00	550.00
Treasurer	1188.96	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
Deputy Treasurer	500.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Banking Charges	319.50	300.00	335.70	300.00
Supplies	2080.88	950.00	1620.84	1050.00
Postage	2230.28	2500.00	2439.48	2500.00
Telephone	290.67	200.00	214.69	200.00
Mileage	37.51	300.00	265.26	300.00
Registry of Deeds	647.98	500.00	689.65	500.00
Associations	40.00	20.00	40.00	20.00
Tax Collect. Fees	5350.00	7000.00	6858.00	7000.00
Auditors	9166.10	6000.00	4019.66	6000.00
Vital Statistics	172.00	100.00	392.00	100.00
TOTAL	24237.88	23270.00	21520.28	23370.00
Revaluation	2490.00	5000.00	0	7500.00
TOTAL	2490.00	5000.00	0	7500.00
Legal	10633.24	30,000.00	45619.17	30,000.
TOTAL	10633.24	30000.00	45619.17	30000.
Planning & Zoning	2958.87	3900.00	3900.	3900.
TOTAL	2958.87	3900.00	2153.79	3920.00
Govt Buildings:				
Salaries	2537.76	2800.00	3313.65	3300.00
Supplies	671.18	50.00	535.22	1000.00

	Actual 1999	Budget 2000	Actual 2000	Proposed 2001
Electricity	3364.10	3000.00	3211.35	3650.00
Heating Fuel	937.63	1200.00	1077.37	2400.00
Other	165.00	0	0	0
TOTAL	7675.67	7050.00	8137.59	10350.00
Cemeteries	1216.02	2500.00	580.00	2500.
TOTAL	1216.02	2500.00	580.00	2500.
Insurance Fees	9655.75	10,000.00	8875.12	10,000.
TOTAL	9655.75	10,000.00	8875.12	10,000.
Advertising/Dues	3528.43	2200.00	4518.59	3000.00
TOTAL	3528.43	2200.00	4518.59	3000.00
Police:				
Salaries	7899.35	23,088.88	12129.29	35984.00
Supplies	4000.59	3640.00	4288.78	5425.00
Telephone	351.87	600.00	1382.05	1200.00
Cruiser Expense	634.09	1400.00	403.72	1500.00
Gasoline	41.87	1200.00	883.49	1500.00
TOTAL	12,927.77	29928.88	19087.33	4023825
Rescue Squad				
Appropriation	16065.00	15315.00	15315.00	15017.00
TOTAL	16065.00	15315.00	15315.00	15017.00
Fire Department				
Supplies/Training	21261.66	18350.00	13209.88	11600.00
Telephone	923.54	1000.00	847.39	1000.00
Electricity	2710.48	2850.00	2424.26	2850.00
Heat	688.63	1800.00	1478.78	1800.00
Fuel	327.52	1200.00	454.89	1200.00
Truck Repairs	2604.24	3500.00	3892.49	3750.00
Other Expense	344.00	0	0	0
Mutual Aid		2750.00	2767.00	2800.00
TOTAL	28860.07	31,450.00	25074.69	25000.00
Emergency/Forest/911	3279.08	2500.00	146.88	7500.00
TOTAL	3279.08	2500.00	146.88	7500.00
Highways/Streets				
Summer Roads	66590.91	85000.00	67264.84	85,000.00
Winter Roads	154618.56	154000.00	144011.91	154000.00
TOTAL	221209.47	239000.00	211276.75	239000.00
Street Lighting	4387.12	4500.00	4741.30	4500.00
TOTAL	4387.12	4500.00	4741.30	4500.00
Solid Waste:				
Salaries	8809.16	12500.00	11923.16	12500.00
Certification	507.52	500.00	288.40	500.00
Electric/Heat	998.66	1000.00	1125.35	1300.00
Telephone	544.96	450.00	467.50	500.00
Supplies	314.28	2000.00	455.31	2000.00
Tire Disposal	917.10	5000.00	2316.00	5000.00
Repairs/Maint.	1020.00	1500.00	190.00	1500.00
Solid Waste Contract	48831.23	52000.00	63170.58	68250.00
TOTAL	61942.91	74950.00	79936.30	91550.00
Pest Control:				
Salary	2793.60	3500.00	2752.00	3500.00
Mileage	1077.25	1100.00	608.44	800.00
Supplies	70.00	640.00	97.57	1150.00
Telephone	0	60.00	0	60.00

	Actual 1999	Budget 2000	Actual 2000	Proposed 2001
Animal Expense	678.60	800.00	1322.50	800.00
TOTAL	4619.45	6100.00	4780.51	6310.00
Agencies/Hospitals				
VNA	1382.00	1076.00	1076.00	1671.00
CAP	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	2000.00
Starting Point	275.00	275.00	275.00	300.00
CCMH	615.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Family Health Ctr	435.00	635.00	635.00	635.00
Center of Hope	300.00	290.00	290.00	300.00
TOTAL	4507.00	4226.00	4226.00	5356.00
General Assistance	17217.87	10500.00	7681.56	10000.00
TOTAL	17217.87	10500.00	7681.56	10000.00
Vendor Payments	3922.00	4000.00	3930.00	4000.00
TOTAL	3922.00	4000.00	3930.00	4000.00
Town of Ossipee	3000.00	3500.00	3500.00	3500.00
Recreation(other)	0	500.00	0	500.00
TOTAL	3000.00	4000.00	3500.00	4000.00
Library	2000.00	2000.00	392.00	3000.00
TOTAL	2000.00	2000.00	392.00	3000.00
Patriotic Purposes	622.50	1500.00	506.50	1500.00
TOTAL	622.50	1500.00	506.50	1500.00
Conservation	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
TOTAL	306.50	750.00	750.00	750.00
Town Forester	2013.70	1000.00	773.85	1000.00
TOTAL	2013.70	1000.00	773.85	1000.00
TAN Interest	3979.47	4000.00	7476.00	6000.00
TOTAL	3979.47	4000.00	7476.00	6000.00
Payroll Expenses	4417.62	6308.00	6131.47	6308.00
TOTAL	4417.62	6308.00	6131.47	6308.00

2000 VENDOR PAYMENT ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE

<i>Trustee of trust funds</i>	
Wendy Damon	<u>250.00</u>
	250.00
<i>Moderator</i>	
Susan Slack	125.00
Stephen Schofield	<u>375.00</u>
	500.00
<i>Postage</i>	
US Postmaster	<u>346.56</u>
	346.56
<i>Mileage</i>	
Mellisa Ferland	66.04
Lisa Morrill	<u>521.04</u>
	587.08
<i>Supplies</i>	
Andrea Hubbard	31.95
Checks Unlimited	176.00
Citizens Bank	20.88
Conway Office	6351.86
Effingham Ctry Store	8.92
Intuit	129.00
John Meisner	11.20
Lexis Law	632.65
Mellisa Ferland	69.98
NHMA	40.00
NH State Prison	17.40
Porter Office	98.00
Quill	770.06
Real Data Corp	22.00
Red Barn Flowers	101.50
Staples	<u>1063.25</u>
	9544.65
<i>Telephone</i>	
Bell Atlantic	746.74
Landmark NetAccess	219.45
OneStar Long Distance	276.11
Verizon	<u>562.11</u>
	1804.41

ELECTION

Deputy Town Clerk

Marilyn Maughan	76.00
Lisa Morrill	<u>108.00</u>
	184.00

Checklist Supervisors

Sheila Jones	300.00
Roger Nutter	300.00
Barbara Witham	<u>300.00</u>
	300.00

Ballot Clerks

Meredith Burton	
Laurie Caldwell	54.00
Andrew Hubbard	183.00
Sheila Jones	27.00
	36.00

Ballot clerks cont..

Frank Keville	162.00
Lisa Morrill	666.00
Marilyn Maughan	140.00
Janet Normandea	126.00
Pat Parker	126.00
Brent Rogers	22.50
Donna Rogers	256.50
Laurie Zilisch	<u>333.00</u>
	2132.00

Advertising

Salmon Press	<u>248.00</u>
	248.00

Mileage

Andrea Hubbard	<u>265.26</u>
	265.26

Postage

Andrea Hubbard	83.71
US Postmaster	<u>103.50</u>
	187.21

Supplies

Andrea Hubbard	24.50
Conway Office	10.00
JP Cooke Co.	56.08
NEBS	112.17
Quill Corporation	137.62
Staples	<u>5.81</u>
	346.18

Telephone

Andrea Hubbard	9.18
Bell Atlantic	72.21
OneStar Long Dist.	54.94
Verizon	<u>74.24</u>
	210.57

Town Clerk Associations

NH City & Town	20.00
NE City & Town	<u>20.00</u>
	40.00

Town clerk Fees

Andrea Hubbard	<u>5229.22</u>
	5229.22

FINANCIAL ADMIN.

Deputy Tax Collector

Lisa Morrill	<u>45.00</u>
	45.00

Auditors

Marilyn Maughan	150.00
Mason & Rich	<u>3869.66</u>
	4019.66

Bank Service Charges

Community Bank	<u>335.70</u>
	335.70

2000 VENDOR PAYMENT ANALYSIS

<i>Mileage</i>					
	Andrea Hubbard	223.66		Staples	53.46
	Wendy Daman	<u>41.60</u>		US Postmaster	14.00
		265.26		William Piekut	65.97
				William Stewart	<u>289.68</u>
<i>Postage</i>					2569.56
	US Postmaster	<u>2439.48</u>		<i>Planning and Zoning</i>	
		2439.48		Carroll Cty Registry	28.00
<i>Registry of Deeds</i>				Conway Daily Sun	48.00
	Carroll Cty Registry	<u>689.65</u>		LRPC	1039.00
		689.65		NHMA	320.00
<i>Supplies</i>				NH OSP	112.00
	BMSI	801.90		Piekut, William	126.24
	Conway Office	10.00		Real Data Corp	148.00
	Danis & Huot	665.50		Salmon Press	248.60
	Quill Corporation	137.63		Stewart, William	59.95
	Staples	<u>5.81</u>		US Postmaster	<u>24.00</u>
		1620.84			2153.79
<i>Tax Collector Association</i>				<u>Government Buildings</u>	
	NH Tax Collectors	<u>40.00</u>		<i>Electricity</i>	
		40.00		PSNH	<u>3211.35</u>
<i>Tax Collector Fees</i>					3211.35
	Andrea Hubbard	<u>6858.00</u>		<i>Heating Fuel</i>	
		6858.00		Irving Heating Oil	<u>1077.37</u>
<i>Telephone</i>					1077.37
	Bell Atlantic	86.59		<i>Supplies</i>	
	OneStar Long Distance	53.83		Freedom Hardwar	25.18
	Verizon	<u>74.27</u>		Robert McConnell	60.64
		214.69		Staples	<u>449.40</u>
<i>Vital Statistics</i>					535.22
	Treasurer, State of NH	<u>392.00</u>		<u>Cemeteries</u>	
		392.00		Dennis Johnson	250.00
<u>Revaluation</u>				Frank Keville	250.00
<i>Contract Payment</i>				Jameson Case	<u>80.00</u>
	Nyberg & Purvis	<u>75622.00</u>			580.00
		75622.00		<u>Insurance Fees</u>	
<i>Supplies and cards</i>				NHMA	6795.00
	Yankee Cash Register	90.00		CFNH	<u>2080.12</u>
	Staples	<u>154.78</u>			8875.12
		244.78		<u>Advertising and Dues</u>	
<u>Planning and Zoning</u>				Conway Daily Sun	1052.93
<i>Master Plan</i>				NH Assessors	20.00
	Blair Folts	8.90		NH Local Welfare	30.00
	Conway Daily Sun	24.00		Salmon Press	<u>3415.66</u>
	Lakes Region Planning	3187.50			4518.59
	NOEL	64.00		<u>Annual Report</u>	
	Piekut, William	<u>42.80</u>		Minuteman Press	<u>1200.00</u>
		3327.20			1200.00
<i>ZBA Supplies/Expenses</i>				<u>Police</u>	
	Conway Daily Sun			<i>2nd Officer basic issue</i>	
	Gregory Clough	192.00		(SWA22)	
	Henry Spencer	32.00		Neptune Uniform	1535.80
	JBA Products	423.00		Pine Tree Embroid	<u>61.00</u>
	Lakes Region Planning	92.29			1596.80
	NHMA	10.00			
	NH OSP	50.00			
	Salmon Press	1293.70			
		53.46			

2000 VENDOR PAYMENT ANALYSIS

Police cont.

Cruiser Expense	
M&V	8.00
Mellisa Ferland	49.60
NH Treasurer	20.00
Northern Tire	161.80
Sullivan Tire	<u>164.32</u>
	403.72

Fuel

NH Treasurer	<u>883.49</u>
	883.49

Supplies

Arch	111.65
Ames	24.97
Carroll City Chiefs	10.00
Indian Mound	21.84
Lexis Law	50.12
M&V	12.99
Maple Ridge	640.00
Neptune Uniform	115.80
Ossipee Auto	53.13
Ossipee Mtn Electronics	1721.80
Ossipee Rescue	65.31
Pine Needle Embroid.	100.00
Rite Aid	25.26
Salmon Press	96.00
Sirchie Fingerprint	132.04
Staples	1040.07
State of NH	50.50
US Postmaster	14.00
Shaws	<u>3.30</u>
	4288.78

Telephone

Bell Atlantic	245.98
OneStar Long Distance	65.70
US Cellular	420.68
Verizon	<u>649.69</u>
	1382.05

Rescue Squad

Appropriation	<u>15315.00</u>
Effingham Rescue	15315.00

Personal Allotment (SWA10)

Applei, James	577.60
Burton, Meredith	167.20
Burton, Rebecca	121.60
Burton, William	638.40
Gatterman, Melanie	562.40
Hewitt, Cory	197.60
Hubbard, Andrea	1200.00
Hubbard, Andrew	684.00
Lourie, Richard	425.60
McCullough, Larry	<u>425.60</u>
	5000.00

Medstar Agreement (SWA 11)

Effingham Rescue	500.00
Medstar EMS	<u>6700.00</u>
	7200.00

Fire Department

Personal Allotment

Applei, James	11.30
Dietzel, William	271.20
Elliott, Charles	265.55
English, Urbain	631.10
Finniss, Erik	22.60
Green, Thomas	67.80
Howard, Craig	367.25
Hubbard, Andrew	565.00
Johnson, Bertin	197.50
Lourie, Richard	440.70
Monroe, Nathan	101.70
Morrill, Robert	288.15
Nitz, John	158.20
Nunan, Harold	39.55
Pike, Caleb	371.20
Rogers, Brent	608.50
Rogers, Donna	478.55
Scott, Tamsin	73.45
Thompson, Richard	444.65
Tozier, Josh	<u>96.05</u>
	5500.00

Electricity

PSNH	<u>2424.26</u>
	2424.26

Fuel

NH Treasurer	<u>454.89</u>
	454.89

Heat

Irving Heating Oil	<u>1478.78</u>
	1478.78

Mutual Aid and Dues

OVMAA	2500.00
NH State Firemen's	152.00
National Fire	<u>115.00</u>
	2767.00

Supplies and training

Applied Rescue	4300.00
Ames	49.99
Anton Enterprises	4222.30
Bell-Herring	419.40
Dietzel, William	56.00
English, Urbain	56.00
Fire Tech & Safety	240.60
Freedom Hardwar	624.55
Howard, Craig	56.00
Johnson, Bertin	56.00
Kezar Falls Auto	12.20
Kingswood Press	175.50
Lakes Region Fire	371.60

2000 VENDOR PAYMENT ANALYSIS

Fire Department cont.

<i>Supplies and training cont.</i>	56.00	<i>Winter Roads Contract</i>	
Morrill, Robert	29.12	Lawrence Edwards	<u>103665.00</u>
NAPA	114.00		103665.00
NH Retirement	56.00	<i>Winter Roads Materials</i>	
Nitz, John	195.95	Dow Sand & Gravel	16011.81
Osgoods	61.98	Lawrence Edwards	20592.00
Ossipee Auto	1398.34	Morton Salt	<u>20838.13</u>
Ossipee Electronics	56.00		40346.91
Pike, Caleb	388.35	<i>Street Lighting</i>	
Thompson, Richard	<u>214.00</u>	PSNH	<u>4741.30</u>
Tri-State Fire Protection	13209.88		4741.30

Solid Waste

<i>Telephone</i>	424.89	<i>Landfill Monitoring (SWA19)</i>	
Bell Atlantic	67.04	Pine tree Engineer	<u>3670.00</u>
OneStar Long Distance	<u>355.46</u>		3670.00
Verizon	847.39	<i>Certification/training</i>	
<i>Truck Repairs</i>	29.12	Bedard, Donald	50.00
Kezar Falls Auto	3593.37	Potter, Albert	<u>238.20</u>
Lakes Region Fire	<u>270.00</u>		288.20
WS Lloyd	3892.49	<i>Electricity/Heat</i>	
		PSNH	<u>1125.35</u>
			1125.35

Highways and Streets

<i>Huntress Bridge Rd (SWA24)</i>	<u>29718.48</u>	<i>Telephone</i>	
Lawrence Edwards	29718.48	Bell Atlantic	179.02
		OneStar	35.83
<i>Calcium Chloride (SWA 20)</i>	<u>29255.28</u>	Verizon	<u>252.65</u>
All States Asphalt, Inc.	29255.28		467.50
<i>Road Reconstruction (SWA16)</i>	338.00	<i>Supplies</i>	
Freedom Hardware	1980.43	Maple Ridge	400.00
Dow Sand & Gravel	8095.37	Mellisa Ferland	29.34
JAF Industries	40023.88	Quill Corporation	<u>25.97</u>
Lawrence Edwards	<u>371.07</u>		455.31
Pike Industries	50808.75	<i>Tires & Metal Disposal</i>	
		Abbott Trucking	120.00
<i>Road Resurfacing (SWA15)</i>	<u>109999.92</u>	C&D Tire	2165.00
FR Carroll, Inc.	109999.92	Potter, Albert	<u>31.00</u>
			2316.00
<i>Roadside Clearing (SWA 14)</i>	<u>6900.00</u>	<i>Repairs and Maintenance</i>	
Lakeside Property	6900.00	Potter, Albert	<u>190.00</u>
			190.00
<i>Summer Roads Contract</i>	<u>51620.00</u>	<i>Hazardous Waste Day</i>	
Lawrence Edwards	51620.00	LRPC	<u>422.00</u>
			422.00
<i>Summer Roads Materials</i>	14597.18	<i>Contract</i>	
Dow Sand & Gravel	<u>657.98</u>	Waste Mgmt	<u>63170.58</u>
Pike Industries	15255.16		63170.58
<i>Signs & Equipment</i>		<u>Pest Control</u>	
NH Treasurer	46.63	<i>Mileage</i>	
White Sign	<u>343.05</u>	Tuttle, Randy	<u>608.44</u>
	389.68		608.44
		<i>Supplies</i>	<u>97.57</u>
		Animal Care	97.57

2000 VENDOR PAYMENT ANALYSIS

Legal

Legal expenses

Ferland, Mellisa	13.12
Green, Thomas	61.40
Holt, David	25.00
Rite Aid	45.45
Upton, Sanders, Smith	42504.57
Walker & Varney	<u>2969.63</u>
	45619.17

Health Agencies/Hospital

Carroll Cty Mental	635.00
Center of Hope	300.00
Community Action	1500.00
Family Health Ctr.	450.00
Starting Point	275.00
Visiting Nurses	<u>1076.00</u>
	4236.00

Welfare

General Assistance

Bell Atlantic	258.57
Brown, Sarah	487.50
CN Brown	474.96
Hattie's Place	1000.00
Irving Oil	81.26
Jewell, Gary	500.00
PK Motel	291.60
PSNH	1960.79
Reliable Oil	190.75
Route 153 Oil	448.85
Shop n Save	587.28
Summit Electric	550.00
Verizon	50.00
Zimmerman, Bob	<u>800.00</u>
	7681.56

Vendor Payment

OCC (meals on wheels)	<u>3930.00</u>
	3930.00

Parks and Recreation

Ossipee Recreation

Town of Ossipee	<u>3500.00</u>
	3500.00

Patriotic Purposes

H.A. Holt & Sons	306.50
Kenneth Davis	<u>200.00</u>
	506.50

Conservation Commission

Conservation Comm.	536.00
Effingham Elementary	150.00
Emelyn Albert	50.00
US Postmaster	<u>14.00</u>
	750.00

Town Forester

Jeffrey Libby	<u>773.85</u>
	773.85

TAN Interest

Community Bank	7476.00
	7476.00

County Taxes

County Treasurer	<u>58932.00</u>
	58932.00

School District

GWRSD	<u>723812.00</u>
	723812.00

Govt Buildings Trust

FR Carroll	6900.17
Ferland, Mellisa	235.36
Frank Keville	262.50
Freedom Security	170.00
Greenbriar Farm	36.00
Hales Landscape	120.00
Indian Mound Hdw	170.36
Irving Oil	362.04
MacDonald's Weld	100.00
Meisner, John	5045.00
Morrill, Robert	4.32
Pine Tree Engineer	1600.00
Rite Aid Pharmacy	35.65
Sias Farm	340.00
Skehan Home Ctr.	<u>68.92</u>
	15450.32

Refunds

Hodge, Fenton	47.20
Pike, Caleb	30.00
Thermalarm	<u>172.00</u>
	249.20

Property tax refund

Augenti, Jory	400.00
Bates, Martha	146.89
Bishop, Frederick	29.41
Boyd, Joseph	182.00
Brienzo, Mary	141.93
Knowles, Harry	540.73
Mazzaschi, Mike	54.28
Morrow, Harry	390.90
Nash, Richard	622.37
Paduano, Donald	69.96
Riley, Herbert	559.02
Saddow, Michael	843.28
Sharp, Frank	100.00
Summit Title	<u>692.00</u>
	4772.77

**Town of Effingham
2000 Payroll Analysis**

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Wages</u>	<u>FICA</u>	<u>Medicare</u>
Bedard, Donald	Solid Waste	5,108.16	316.71	74.07
Bedley, Michael	Police	6,436.84	399.08	93.33
Bucknell, Linda	Police Sec.	951.38	58.99	13.80
Caldwell, Laurie	Treasurer	1,500.00	93.00	21.75
Diamond, Eric	Police	2,018.50	125.15	29.27
Edwards, Elliot	Zoning officer	1,920.00	119.04	27.84
Ferland, Mellisa	Bookkeeper	11,952.32	741.04	173.31
Green, Thomas	Selectman	3,500.01	217.00	50.75
Grow, Donald	Police	10,823.91	671.08	156.95
Hubbard, Andrea	Town Clerk/ Tax Collector	5,000.00	286.14	66.92
Leonard, Marcia	Dep. Treasurer	600.00	37.20	8.70
Meisner, John	Selectman	2,624.97	162.75	38.06
McConnell, Bob	Selectman	3,500.01	217.00	50.75
Morrill, Lisa	Secretary/ Cleaning	18,847.50	778.69	182.11
Morrill, Robert	Maintenance	1,071.00	66.40	15.53
Potter, Albert	Solid Waste	7,005.00	434.31	101.57
Seamans, Chris	Selectman	875.01	12.69	12.69
Tuttle, Randy	Pest Control	2,752.00	170.63	39.91
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	TOTAL	\$86,486.61	4,969.29	1,162.18

2000 Warrant Articles Appropriated versus Expended

Article #	Purpose of article	\$ Appropriated	\$ Expended	Surplus (over/deficit)
6	Police cruiser capital reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0
7	Rescue Unit & equipment capital reserve	7,500.00	7,500.00	0
8	Fire truck and equipment capital reserve	20,000.00	20,000.00	0
9	Personal allotment – fire department	5,500.00	5,500.00	0
10	Personal allotment – rescue squad	5,000.00	5,000.00	0
11	Agreement with Medstar ambulance	7,200.00	7,200.00	0
12	Emergency management trust	7,000.00	7,000.00	0
13	Maintenance of town-owned bridges	9,500.00	0	9,500.00
14	Roadside mowing and brush cutting	10,000.00	6,900.00	3,100.00
15	Road resurfacing and resealing	110,000.00	109,999.92	.08
16	Road reconstruction	70,000.00	50,470.75	19,529.25
17	Huntress Bridge capital reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0
18	Municipal Buildings Trust	7,500.00	7,500.00	0
19	Landfill monitoring	5,700.00	5,220.00	480.00
20	Calcium Chloride treatments	32,000.00	29,255.28	2,744.72
21	Hire 2 nd part-time police officer	14,779.00	9,102.17	5,676.83
22	Outfit 2 nd part-time police officer	3,950.00	1,596.80	2,353.20
23	Fire station expendable trust	5,000.00	5,000.00	0
24	Huntress Bridge road improvement	32,000.00	29,718.48	2,281.52
25	Dry Hydrant Expendable trust	5,000.00	5,000.00	0
26	Fire Truck and Equipment capital reserve	1,000.00	1,000.00	0
27	Community Center expendable trust	5,000.00	5,000.00	0
28	Household hazardous waste day	422.00	422.00	0
29	Hiring of zoning officer	5,000.00	2,066.88	2,933.12
30	ZBA operating budget	3,200.00	2,569.56	630.44
31	Updating master plan	3,000.00	2,190.00	810.00
32	Restoration of historic vital statistic books	1,933.00	0	1,933.00
33	Uninsured Loss Trust	3,000.00	3,000.00	0
34	Operating budget	590,461.00	549,192.04	41,268.96
35	Review and approval of site plans	n/a	n/a	n/a
36	Tax sale procedure	n/a	n/a	n/a
37	Protection of cultural resources	n/a	n/a	n/a
	TOTAL	\$980,645.00	887,403.88	93,241.12

SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR TAX RATE

Payment in Lieu of Taxes	25,656
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	10,000
Excavation Activity Tax	261
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	110,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,500
Shared Revenue from the State of NH	4,335
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	21,762
Highway Block Grant	57,504
State of NH Forest Lands Reimbursement	4,375
Income from Departments	500
Sale of Municipal Property	10,907
Interest on Investments	1,500
*Fund Balance used to reduce Taxes	162,000
 Total Revenue	 410,300

<u>Fund Balance</u>	
Fund Balance Available	\$268,877
Amount Voted	1,000
Amount to reduce taxes	\$161,000
Amount retained	\$106,877

The Department of Revenue Administration recommends retaining at least 5% fund balance (\$102,066).

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

LAND:

CurrentUse	579,901
Residential	27,606,600
Commercial	1,814,600

BUILDINGS:

Residential	46,995,400
Manuf. Housing	3,105,800
Commercial	4,036,500

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

PSNH	827,200
NH ELECTRIC COOP	127,900

Total value before exemptions	85,093,901
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EXEMPTIONS:

Blind	15,000
Elderly	285,000
Wood heating	13,987
Solar energy	1,500

Total exemptions from valuation	315,487
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Less public utilities	955,100
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Net valuation on which tax rate is computed:	83,823,314
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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2000 TAX RATE CALCULATION

Appropriations	985,645
Less: Revenues	410,300
Less: Shared Revenues	4,048
Add: Overlay	76,105
War Service Credits	13,800

Net Town Appropriation	661,202
Special Adjustment	0

Approved town tax effort	661,602	TOWN RATE 7.79
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SCHOOL PORTION

Net local school budget	0
Regional school apportionment	1,420,952
Less: Adequate education grant	(424,205)
State education taxes	(436,493)

Approved school tax effort	560,254	LOCAL SCHOOL RATE 6.61
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STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized valuation (no utilities) x	\$6.60
66,135,234	436,493
Divide by local assessed valuation	
83,823,314	

STATE SCHOOL RATE 5.21

Excess state education taxes to be remitted to state
 Pay to state = 0

COUNTY PORTION

Due to county	58,932
Less: Shared revenue	(856)

Approved county tax effort	58,076	COUNTY RATE .69
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Total property taxes assessed	1,716,025
Less: War Service credits	(13,800)
Add: Village district commitments	0
Total property tax commitment	1,702,225

TOTAL RATE
20.30

PROOF OF RATE

	Tax rate	Assessment
Net assessed valuation		
State Education Tax	83,823,314	5.21
All other taxes	84,778,414	15.09
		1,279,532
		1,716,025

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2000

2000 Property Tax	\$1,159,541.92
2000 Property Tax Interest	5,845.72
2000 Yield Tax	9,290.00
2000 Yield Tax Interest	68.50
2000 Fees	629.50
2000 Current Use Penalty	900.00
2000 Tax Lien Redemptions	24,663.21
2000 Tax Lien Redemption Interest	1,288.73
2000 Tax Lien Redemption Fees	<u>677.50</u>
	\$1,202,905.08
1999 Tax Lien Redemption	\$39,260.34
1999 Tax Lien Redemption Interest	6,845.10
1999 Tax Lien Redemption Fees	<u>949.50</u>
	\$47,054.94
1998 Tax Lien Redemptions	\$50,507.01
1998 Tax Lien Redemption Interest	15,044.06
1998 Tax Lien Redemption Fees	<u>717.00</u>
	\$66,268.07
Total remitted to Treasurer	\$1,316,228.09

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the year ending December 31, 2000

Motor Vehicle Registration	
Certified Title Applications	\$132,971.00
Dog Licenses	584.00
Dog Fines	984.00
Filing Fees	250.00
Vital Statistics	8.00
UCC's	577.00
	<u>231.00</u>

Total receipts to the Treasurer	\$135,605.00
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Town of Effingham – Fiscal Year 2000

2000 General Fund

Beginning Balance – 1/1/00	5,170.92
Revenue – All sources (see detail following)	1,958,254.81
Interest Income – General Fund	1,828.41
Disbursements (see detail following)	<u>1,946,892.74</u>
Balance 12/31/00	\$18,361.40

2000 Revenue

2000 Receipts – Tax Collector

Property Tax	1,274,372.48
Property Tax – Interest and costs	30,967.61
Yield Tax	9,290.00
Yield Tax – Interest and costs	68.50
Fees	1,529.50
Misc. Fees and Charges (NSF)	<u>73.12</u>
Total	1,316,301.21

2000 Receipts – Town Clerk

Motor Vehicles Permits and Titles	133,555.00
Dog Licenses and Fines	1,234.00
Other Licenses and Fees	8.00
Vital Statistics	577.00
UCC Filings	231.00
Misc Fees and Charges (NSF)	<u>34.94</u>
Total	135,639.94

2000 Receipts – Board of Selectmen

Pistol Permits	50.00
Copies/Map Charges	322.75
Transfer station Permits	55.00
Forest Fire Reimbursement	1,446.88
Sale of Town Property	10,907.49
Donations ILO Taxes	25,656.00
Cable Television Franchise Fee	2,386.36
Mortgage Payments	1,708.18
Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds	66,432.03
Refunds	1,145.60
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,552.97
Fees	771.00

State of NH – Highway Grant	57,503.73
State of NH – Revenue Sharing	31,001.02
State of NH – Forestry Grant	<u>4,374.65</u>
Total	\$206,313.66

Tax Anticipated Note (TAN) Activity

Balance of Loan to General Fund	\$300,000.00
Interest Pymts. through 12/31/00-\$8,828.66	

DISBURSEMENTS 2000

General Expenses	\$1,223,080.74
School Payments	<u>723,812.00</u>
Total	\$1,946,892.74

2000 Conservation Commission Account

Beginning Balance – 1/1/00	\$837.97
Income from Town	750.00
Interest Income	15.33
Disbursements	<u>214.00</u>
Balance 12/31/00	\$1,389.30

2000 Investment Pool

Beginning Balance – 1/1/00	\$3,197.28
Interest Earned	<u>194.10</u>
Balance 12/31/00	\$3,391.38

General Fund Balance as of 12/31/00	\$18,361.40
Conservation Commission Balance as of 12/31/00	1,389.30
Investment Pool Balance as of 12/31/00	3,391.38
Total Cash as of 12/31/00	\$23,142.08

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie L. Caldwell, Treasurer

NOTE: I will be out of town on March 17, 2001. Please feel free to stop by the Town Hall on Saturday, March 10, 2001, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. if you have any questions regarding this report. Thank you.

Trust Funds – Year Ending 2000

YEAR	NAME OF FUND	PRIN BEG BAL	NEW FUNDS	WP	PRIN END BAL	INC BEG BAL	INCOME	INC EXP	INC END BAL
	COMMON TRUST #1 CEMETERY	\$14,884.26			\$14,844.26	\$15,032.33	\$1,365.69	\$20.01	\$16,378.01
	COMMON TRUST FUND #2 LIBRARY								
1910	ABBIE A WEDGEWOOD	400.00			400.00	11.56	13.27	19.47	5.36
1932	EMMA BROWNING LELAND	500.00			500.00	14.42	16.56	24.29	6.69
1942	GEORGIA PARSONS	500.00			500.00	14.42	16.56	24.29	6.69
1977	EDITH & CLARISSA TAYLOR	500.00			500.00	14.42	16.56	24.29	6.69
	TOTAL	1,900.00			1,900.00	54.82	62.95	92.34	25.43
1977	WOODLAND CEMETERY	5,600.00	200.00		5,800.00	2,249.65	352.28		2,601.93
1876	ABIGAIL DRAKE TRUST	500.00			500.00	277.08	15.53		292.61
1932	EMMA BROWNING LELAND POOR	1,300.00	60.00		1,360.00	833.47	61.63		895.10
1992	EXP-EMERGENCY MGMT	793.40	8,720.92		9,514.32	30.96	135.75		166.71
1992	EXP-MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	20,990.30	7,500.00	11,996.70	16,493.60	155.17	697.76	155.17	697.76
1963	CRF-FIRE EQUIPMENT	85,100.00	21,000.00		10,610.00	8,673.44	5,221.58		13,895.02
1990	CRF-POLICE CRUISER	10,000.00	5,000.00		15,000.00	378.96	896.81		1,075.77
1995	CRF-HUNTRESS BRIDGE	40,000.00	5,000.00		45,000.00	6,541.32	2,327.37		8,914.69
1995	CRF-RESCUE EQUIPMENT	23,208.45	7,500.00		30,708.45	3,324.15	674.25		3,998.40
1996	CRF-REVALUATION	53,253.03		53,253.03	0	631.32	395.81	1,027.13	0
1999	EXP-COMMUNITY CENTER	6,500.00	5,000.00		11,500.00	96.36	479.96		576.32
2000	CRF-DRY HYDRANT		5,000.00		5,000.00		44.48		44.48
2000	EXP-UNINSURED LOSS		3,000.00		3,000.00		27.96		27.96
2000	CRF-FIRE DEPT BUILDING		10,000.00		10,000.00		94.89		94.89
	TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND CHECKING	0	0	0	0	25.00	0	0	25.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Map	Lot #	Description	Net Value	Location
7	4	4 Acres	\$2600	Off Drake Road
7	12A	.38 Acres	3,500	Drake Road
7	15	.06 Acres (50x50 parcel)	600	Drake Road
8	7	54 Acres	16,200	Wilkinson Swamp Road
9	24	251 Acres	121,000	Snow Road – Town Landfill
9	38	61.7 Acres	45,800	Wedgewood Road
10	12	9.4 Acres	5,600	Pine River Road
10	14	6 Acres	3,600	Pine River Road
10	17	25 Acres	16,100	Pine River Road
10	18	7 Acres	4,200	Pine River Road
10	19	6 acres	3,400	Pine River Road
11	20	27 Acres	16,200	Off Town House Road
12	6	22 Acres	14,300	Off Town House Road
12	7	22 Acres	28,500	Town House Road
12	9	23 Acres	25,600	Town House Road
12	15	35 acres	21,000	Townhouse Road
13	28	.12 Acres	10,300	Plantation Road
13	39	14 Acres	7,400	Route 153
13	44	11 acres	18,800	Snow Road – landfill
15	48	20 Acres	25,200	Range Road
17	3	20 Acres	11,400	Hobbs Road – Woodland Cemetery
17	3	114 acres	58,800	Hobbs Road Town Forest
17	12	17 Acres	11,900	Off Route 153
17	13	17 Acres	11,900	Off Route 153
23	28		5,100	Province Lake
23	29		6,100	Province Lake
23	30		6,100	Province Lake
23	31		6,100	Province Lake
23	32		17,400	Province Lake
23	33-1		6,100	Province Lake
23	35		7,900	Province Lake
23	37	.8 Acres	1,200	Province Lake
23	38	.18 Acres	1,200	Lakeshore Road
23	39	.52 Acres	1,200	Lakeshore Road
23	40	.46 acres	1,200	Lakeshore Road
23	41	.98 Acres	1,200	Lakeshore Road
23	44	.74 Acres	1,200	Lakeshore Road
23	52	2.4 Acres	21,200	Bailey Road
23	70		1,200	Bailey Road
24	4	.38 Acres	1,200	Princeton Road
24	13	.12 Acres	1,200	Spencer Avenue
27	1-044		12,800	Camp in Jolly Roger Village
28	18	Murray Field Fire Station	98,100	Route 153
29	2	Town Hall	196,000	Town House Road
29	5	Grange Hall	62,600	Route 153/Town House Road
30	7	Lord's Hill Fire Station	98,100	Route 153
31	5	Town Shed	13,800	
10	11		2,800	Pine River Road
10	13		700	Pine River Road
33	30	School St. - No land	19,100	Mobile home only

EFFINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 2000 has brought many changes to the Effingham Police Department.

We have moved into our new home at Lord's Hill Fire Station.

Eric Diamond has resigned as part-time police officer. We were fortunate enough to hire Mike Bedley who has done a wonderful job for us.

We have filed and been granted \$75,000 under the US Department of Justice COPS grant program. In order to receive this grant, the townspeople must vote to hire a full-time officer.

We have increased our patrol hours and handled increased calls for service. Carroll County Sheriff's Department and NH State Police have also answered numerous calls for the town. There were a total of 400 calls for service in 2000. (See a detail of these calls on the following page)

I would like to thank the Sheriff's Department, State Police and other surrounding agencies for their assistance to the Town of Effingham.

Remember, in case of emergency, DIAL 911. For non-emergency, dial 539-5380 and leave a message. We check our messages frequently and will respond as soon as possible.

**Respectfully,
Donald F. Grow
Chief of Police**



Officer Mike Bedley

Chief Donald Grow

Law Enforcement Responses to the Town of Effingham

Incident Type	Effingham Police	Sheriff's Department	NH State Police	
Abuse/neglect	4	0	0	
Alcohol	1	0	1	
Assist	5	14	1	
Assault	6	7	4	
Attempted suicide	1	3	0	
Bad check	9	1	0	
Burglaries	10	6	1	
Canine complaint	2	2	0	
Conduct after accident	0	0	1	
Criminal mischief	12	3	3	
Criminal threatening	0	3	0	
Criminal trespass	2	10	1	
Dispute	2	0	1	
Domestic disturbance	0	17	0	
DWI	2	4	3	
Harassment	6	2	2	
Littering	2	0	0	
Motor vehicle accidents	3	0	8	
Motor vehicle violations	125	2	1	
Noise complaint	1	0	0	
OHRV	0	3	0	
Open container	1	0	0	
Operating after suspension	4	3	0	
Paper service	2	*	0	
Possession of controlled drug	0	0	1	
Prohibitions	1	0	0	
Protective custody	4	9	2	
Receiving stolen property	0	0	1	
Sexual assault	1	1	0	
Shoplifting	1	0	0	
Stand by	1	0	0	
Summons	6	0	0	
Suspicious person	2	0	0	
Theft	18	2	5	
Violation of restraining order	0	1	1	
Weapon law violation	0	1	1	
Other	6	22	14	
TOTAL Incident Responses	239	109	52	400

table does not include service of civil documents by the Sheriff's Department

EFFINGHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Effingham Volunteer Fire Department is a 100% volunteer department. Please keep in mind that most members are employed in the private sector, which could affect some response times. We had our regular meetings and numerous trainings and work details. We had another CPR training and members are recent with their CPR training. The painting of station #2 is complete and everyone is pleased with the way it looks. We are in the process of upgrading our pagers. Our drivers training has been furthered, most all members are CDL B certified with tanker endorsements. We are still awaiting 911 house numbering and are hoping for its completion in the year 2001. The department officers and selectmen are working with an engineering firm on a future addition to station #2. We also formed a truck committee to spec a pumper tanker to replace the 1979 engine. We voted Harold Nunan a life member of our department. We purchased a comby tool to further aid us in motor vehicle accidents. We also upgraded some member's turnout gear.

Runs made in 2000

13 auto accidents	01 spill
46 false alarms	15 miscellaneous calls
09 mutual aid responses	01 smoke investigation
06 power line problems	01 woodland fires
02 structure fires	06 alarm activations
03 chimney fires	02 carbon monoxide

TOTAL number of calls: 105

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY CALL 911.

Be sure to give your name, location and type of emergency.

Following is a list of officers. Feel free to contact an officer at any time for an inspection.

2C1	Richard Thompson	539-6370
2C2	Sonny English	539-7484
2C3	Brent Rogers	539-2489
2C4	Caleb Pike	539-5046

For a fire permit, please contact one of the following fire wardens:

Richard Thompson	539-6370
Sonny English	539-7484
Brent Rogers	539-2489
Harold Nunan	539-7766

VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Richard Thompson, Chief
Sonny English, Deputy Chief
Andy Hubbard, Safety Officer
Harold Nunan, Firefighter
William Dietzel, Firefighter
John Nitz, Firefighter
Donna Rogers, Firefighter
Nathan Monroe, Junior Firefighter
Tamsin Scott, Junior Firefighter

Brent Rogers, Assistant Chief
Caleb Pike, Lieutenant
Tom Green, Safety Officer
Richard Lourie, Firefighter
Charlie Elliott, Firefighter
Craig Howard, Firefighter
Robert Morrill, Firefighter
Josh Tozier, Junior Firefighter

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

There are 2,200 forest fire wardens and deputy forest fire wardens throughout the state. Each town has a forest fire warden and several deputy wardens who assist the forest rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being the first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your forest fire warden, fire department and state forest ranger, contact your local warden or fire department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done.

There are 11 forest rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands Forest Protection Bureau. Forest rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217 or for general information, visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us

The state operates 15 fire towers, two mobile patrols and three contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

2000 Fire Statistics (All fire reported through November 10, 2000)

TOTALS BY COUNTY			CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	
	Numbers	Acres		
Belknap	54	13	Debris burning	263
Carroll	46	10	Miscellaneous	151
Cheshire	41	20	Smoking	30
Coos	30	4	Children	17
Grafton	16	7	Campfires	16
Hillsborough	118	40	Arson/Suspicious	14
Merrimack	92	16	Equipment Use	9
Rockingham	49	24	Lightning	9
Strafford	58	13	Railroad	7
Sullivan	12	2		
			<u>total fires</u>	<u>total acres</u>
			2000	516 149
			1999	1301 452
			1998	798 443

EFFINGHAM RESCUE UNIT, INC.

Calendar year 2000 was a busy one for Effingham Rescue. And we have added to new members, both CPR-certified, to our roster. We remain fortunate to have two paramedics living in Effingham to provide the highest quality of emergency medical care available anywhere. Our paramedics also respond on mutual aid intercepts to assist other rescue squads and private ambulance services with ALS transports.

During 2000, Effingham rescue responded to the following emergency calls:

61	Medical Aid
15	Motor Vehicle Accidents
11	Assist Effingham Fire Department
02	Mutual Aid
09	Paramedic Intercepts

Of these calls, 25 required ALS Service (Advanced Life Support), Effingham rescue transported 12 patients, MedStar EMS transported 34 patients, 4 patients went to the hospital via private vehicle and 15 were non-transports. The above figures do not include the numerous "fire alarm activation" calls to Lakeview NeuroRehabilitation Center during 2000.

Our squad continued to receive many generous donations and cards of thanks. A "thank you" says more than you can imagine. As always, Effingham rescue continues to strive to bring quality volunteer emergency medical services to our town. Our squad is most appreciative of the support we have received from the townspeople of Effingham over the past 25 years of ERU's service to the community.

Effingham Rescue Unit Roster 2000

James Applei, Captain	EMT
Melanie Gatterman, Lieutenant	EMT-Paramedic
Larry McCullough, Training Officer	EMT-Paramedic
Andrew Hubbard, Head of Service	Rescue-CPR
Andrea Hubbard, Secretary	First Responder
William Burton	EMT
Becky Burton	EMT
Meredith Burton	EMT
Cory Hewitt	EMT/RN
Richard Lourie	Rescue-CPR
Colleen MacDonald	Rescue-CPR
Richard Bensch	Rescue-CPR

EFFINGHAM RESCUE SQUAD, INC.
Financial report for 2000

Income:

Town of Effingham Appropriation 1999	\$6,365.00
Town of Effingham Appropriation 2000	15,315.00
Insurance Refund	714.00
Town of Effingham Reimbursement (MedStar)	<u>500.00</u>
Total Income	\$22,894.00

Expenses:

OVMAA Dues	\$2,500.00
Clothing/protective gear	1,283.63
Disease prevention	192.00
Equipment	3,425.71
Fuel	151.39
Administrative/office supplies	34.18
Radio purchases.maintenance	444.64
Supplies	3,193.97
Telephone	222.52
Training	2,013.52
Vehicle maintenance	1,374.96
MedStar (3 month contract)	500.00
Bank fees	<u>42.00</u>
Total expenses	\$15,378.52

Balance on hand: December 31, 1999	\$2,513.69
Income for 2000	22,894.00
Expense for 2000	15,378.52
Balance on hand: December 31, 2000	\$10,029.17

Balance of 1999 Town of Effingham appropriation was not received until January, 2000. Half of 2000 appropriation (\$7,657.50) was not received until December 15, 2000.

MEDSTAR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.

Last year I met with you to discuss your community's emergency medical needs. At that time we agreed on a trial contract for Medstar to provide back-up ambulance service to your volunteer squad.

Over the last year, the demands for our services have proven to be much greater than expected.

We have been providing services nearly equal to that of Freedom and Madison. As a result, should you choose to renew our agreement, it will be necessary for us to ask for an increase in our subsidy.

In addition to the increased call volume, we have dealt with a fairly large number of patients who are without insurance and unable to pay us for our services.

Therefore, our request for the 2001-year is in the amount of \$8,200.

2000 was an extremely busy year for Medstar as we logged over 1400 responses. We are very proud to serve the people of Eaton, Freedom, Madison, Tamworth, Ossipee and Effingham.

We operate five advanced life support ambulances, two wheelchair vans, and a fully equipped SUV paramedic intercept unit.

Operating from our new facility on Route 41, we provide six emergency medical technicians (EMT's) on duty 24 hours per day, every day of the year.

Medstar now employs 23 technicians, 14 of whom are certified at the advanced life support level.

We proudly serve the people of Effingham and look forward to serving you for years to come.

RESPONSES INTO EFFINGHAM.....	109
PATIENTS TRANSPORTED.....	72

Medstar Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
Randall E. Hayford, President
#40 Route 41
West Ossipee, NH 03890
(603) 539-9111 (Emergency)
(603) 539-9074 (Business)

EFFINGHAM PLANNING BOARD

This year, the planning board approved two subdivisions, creating eight lots. The board also processed two voluntary mergers. \$1,006.66 in fees were collected and turned over to the General Fund.

Members of the board participated in various training and lecture series and conferences offered by the Office of State Planning, Lakes Region Planning Commission and the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

By participating in these programs, board members learned about changes in laws and other planning issues.

This year, the board completed and adopted the Land Use Section, including Goals and Objectives, of the Master Plan using the recent results of the Master Plan Survey.

Also, this year, after being authorized by the voters at the 2000 town meeting, Site Plan Review regulations were developed, with the assistance of LRPC, and adopted.

After consulting with the ZBA, receiving input from the townspeople and consulting the Master Plan, the board has proposed several amendments to the zoning ordinance and has also developed and proposed a Telecommunications Ordinance for the voters to consider on this years town meeting warrant.

On the warrant, the planning board is seeking authorization from the voters to develop a Capital Improvement Plan.

Recent court decisions require towns that wish to charge developers for off-site improvements to town infrastructure to have an Impact Fee Ordinance.

The Capital Improvement Plan is a prerequisite to developing an Impact Fee Ordinance.

Planning boards can no longer require off site improvements as a condition of approval unless the Town has an Impact Fee Ordinance.

In the coming year, the Planning Board will be reviewing the town subdivision regulations, which were last amended in 1987, also continue the updating of the Master Plan by section.

And if authorized by the voters, the board would begin working on a Capital Improvement Plan. The board will also continue to review the zoning ordinance to consider changes as our town grows.

Public input is crucial to the planning process. The planning board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
William Piekut, Chairman

EFFINGHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In the year 2000, the Effingham Conservation commission conducted the Earth day roadside clean up. Problems with weather forced us to postpone the actual clean up but the usual committed crowd shoed up on the new date.

We tried to create more of a family atmosphere by having a treasure hunt, which served the purpose we desired in the three new families participated in the event.

This year's "take" was pleasantly short on most trash other than bottles and cans. It appears that we have slowly gotten ahead of the residue of household dumping and that the citizens of Effingham are being more concerned about the correct disposal of their trash.

Once again the Conservation Commission donated funds to the school so the students could attend the ecology camp. Letters of thanks were received and we all feel that this money is well spent.

Timber permits continue to be looked over by the board and the members are showing more interest in learning about, recognizing and encouraging good forest practices.

This year some members of the board attended various workshops related to the duties of Conservation Commission in order to more fully attend to our duties and it is the hope of some members that we will be able to do more of this kind of learning.

Other continuing projects of the commission include: the listing of all town owned property and the possible management of any property that has no sales value to the town, a more involved association with the town forest, a deeper understanding of wetland issues, looking into the possibility of the Commission accepting donated land, the construction and sale of bat houses to be placed in town to help with insect control and the completion of an updated natural resources inventory as required by state statute. The Commission's budget last year was \$600 and while it was sufficient to meet our needs the board feels that with the renewed effort for more education of its members, the collection and display of in-depth mapping of our town to facilitate all the town's commission and offices in understanding and knowing what is where in town, we would appreciate an increase of \$200, bringing our budget request to \$800.

Larry Leavitt
Chairman

EFFINGHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall. Our standards for the preservation of historic, scenic and natural resources of the Districts govern the decisions and initiatives undertaken by this board relating to the review and the approval of applications, as well as to all other proceedings. The preservation of the cultural entity of Effingham and its physical reflection is an enduring issue with our members and is also requisite to the successful passing on of our cultural heritage to future generations.

This town is situated in an area with access to nature and has many cultural and distinctive features, which appeal to modern settlers. Now, growth pressures have developed, and both perspective and sensitivity are needed in endeavors to protect our special sense of place that defines who we are as citizens, as a community and as a state.

Throughout New Hampshire, communities have realized that historic preservation is a logical and valuable instrument for their self-preservation and for the protection of their individuality. As a result of this judgment, several hundred historic districts have been established throughout the State and the majority of towns in the state have enacted zoning provisions to ensure the protection of natural and cultural resources. Moreover, To provide further protection for community landscapes, the following significant agendas were established during 2000.

The Land and Community Heritage Investment Program passed the Senate by a unanimous vote and gained similar support in the House, and was signed into law by the Governor. This bill (SB401) provides funding for historic preservation and land conservation to protect the State's special places.

The Historic Barn Grant Program was launched by the NH Preservation Alliance in conjunction with the NH Division of Historical Resources. This program provides matching funds to save historic barns and agricultural buildings that have become endangered landmarks.

The Conservation License Plates became available and the NH Department of Cultural Resources will use part of its portion of monies from the sale of plates for the preservation of significant publicly owned buildings and for the purchase of historic properties that contribute to the state's cultural heritage.

From one corners of New Hampshire to the other, many events and programs to reinforce historic preservation principles have been instituted to protest irreplaceable community resources. Effingham shares statewide stewardship values by protecting its cultural heritage; and, thus, elevates principle over expediency by respecting the guidelines of the Historic District Ordinance and the Effingham Zoning Ordinance.

This is a time when the need for civic responsibility has never been greater, and a time when the need for the continuance of our preservation guidelines has never been greater.

Effingham Historic District Commission Members 2000

Natalie Lourie, Chairman
Arleen Gertsen, Secretary
Andrew Hubbard
Frank Keville
William Stewart
Grace Applei
Paul Potter

EFFINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Effingham Public Library had an active and productive year. For the first time in recent memory, the library is open on Saturdays. This has made it more accessible to people. Since October the library has been open every Saturday from 10 to 12, thanks to Lisa Morrill. It is also open Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. The new schedule not only doubled the number of hours the library is open, but has provided non-evening hours for children and for those who prefer not to drive at night.

In June, the trustees began a regular children's reading hour, every fourth Saturday of the month, which was intended to last the summer, but extended into the fall and is still taking place. Every fourth Saturday, between 10 and 11 a.m., Carol Johnson reads stories to children, and they are encouraged to get library cards and take out books. One of the mothers volunteered to make book bags and bookmarks for the children. Image awnings in Wolfeboro donated the materials so that she could sew them. A number of excellent new children's books were acquired for the program.

The library computer has become fully functional, with a database to record books borrowed and returned and keep track of new acquisitions and donations. We are hoping to develop good circulation figures so that we know just what types of books are most popular and what we should be acquiring.

Last spring, a professional librarian came out from Concord to help organize the library and she was able to apply formal guidelines to eliminate some materials that were no longer suitable for the library, by reason of poor condition, redundancy, or misinformation. Jodie Van Tassel helped by putting aside materials for the Historical Society that weren't suitable for circulation, but were of interest. Following this work, the library held a well-advertised book sale so that anyone could buy, for a very modest price, any of the books that they wanted.

In 2001, we plan to continue the children's reading hour and start a new section of recently acquired and donated books so that it will be easier to find books of interest. We also hope to become fully participatory in the NH State Library lending program, through which books we do not have in our own library can be requested from the State, free of any charges, even shipping. The trustees sincerely hope that all residents of Effingham will come to the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Keville
Carol Johnson
Martha Bates
Library Trustees

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (CAP)

The Carroll County Community Contact office is a private, non-profit Community center for family Services and Referrals that was established in 1984, operating from our base on Folsom Road, Center Ossipee. We have nine regularly scheduled satellite office sites located throughout Carroll County.

The Carroll County Community Contact office has provided services for 579 of Effingham's citizens, processing 1667 fuel applications, 41 being elderly and 22 disabled, and linked 349 with other Community Action Programs.

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION HAS SPENT \$90,113 ON EFFINGHAM CITIZENS BETWEEN JULY 1, 1999 AND JUNE 30, 2000.

Community Contact is dependent upon funding from your town and neighboring communities countywide to provide necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in our communities. The local funds are combined with the community Services Block grant, Fuel Assistance, New Hampshire Emergency Shelter Grant, Homeless Programs, EFSP, McKinney, and private and corporate benefactors. We are also a conduit through which the USDA Surplus Food is distributed to the 11 food pantries and 4 Dinner Bells throughout Carroll County in order to serve our residents.

Carroll County community Contact is known as a family friendly agency. Our staff has the trust of the entire county. We are able to successfully partner with individual families and assist them one-on-one to identify barriers blocking the way to self-sufficiency and the resources to overcome these barriers. We provided information, referrals and assisted with advocacy for more than 14,927 households in Carroll County last year.

We have greatly appreciated the support, cooperation and partnership with your elected officials, staff, and residents, as well as other social service agencies, and our clients.

Tri-County Community Action
Marge M. Webster
5 Folsom Road
PO Box 536
Center Ossipee, NH 03814
(603) 539-4165

CARROLL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Carroll County Mental Health Service is a private nonprofit agency providing mental health services to the residents of our county.

The outpatient and emergency services are funded by a combination of client fees, grants, fundraising and town appropriations.

We provide a range of services including counseling, psychiatric treatment and medications, vocational services, case management, 24-hour emergency services, specialized children's, educational groups, residential services, and school, home and community-based treatment.

Carroll County Mental Health Service has contracts or reimbursement arrangements with most types of health insurance.

Clients without insurance are assigned a fee based on family income.

Our goal is to provide services before problems escalate into crisis, which are more damaging to the individual, family and community, and are much more expensive.

When the community mental health centers were established in 1965, the goal was to provide accessible services to prevent unnecessary psychiatric hospitalizations. CCMHS is observing its 36th year of working hard to meet that goal.

While our provision of services to residents of the Town of Effingham has been on a steady increase over the past few years, our funding request is for the same amount we were granted last year.

Our agency is deeply appreciative of the ongoing support of the Town of Effingham in our collaborative effort to provide mental health services to residents of your town who need and otherwise could not afford these services.

Effingham residents served July 1999 – June 2000 = 5

Carroll County Mental Health Service
Margaret Rieser, Area Director
25 West Main Street
Conway, NH 03818
(603) 447-2111

THE FAMILY HEALTH CENTRE

The Family Health Centre is a non-profit health care agency with offices in Conway and Wolfeboro. The mission of family Health Centre is to assist low-income women and their partners to develop an informed approach to maintaining their personal health and to make responsible decisions concerning the planning of their families. No other program provides well woman medical care in Carroll county on a fee-scaled basis.

Services available to women and men:

- Medical history/physical exams
- Screening and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases
- Education regarding self-exams for early cancer detection
- Information about types of contraceptives and their use
- Pregnancy tests/options counseling
- Primary care services to established clients
- Cholesterol screening
- Testing and treatment for urinary tract infections
- Education and counseling about sexuality, PMS, menopause, fertility awareness and nutrition
- HIV/AIDS counseling and antibody testing
- Sterilization counseling and referral (tubal ligation or vasectomy)
- Referrals for mammograms
- Teen options walk-in clinic
- Counseling education workshops and presentations
- Routine prenatal medical care and hospital delivery
- Nurse midwifery assisted births
- Social work services and referrals
- Adoption referral, childbirth classes, WIC referrals, smoking cessation

There is no other program providing prenatal care for low-income families in Carroll County.

All services provided by the Family Health Centre are done so on a fee-scaled basis. The fee charged is based on family income.

The Family Health Centre will be soon emerging with children's Health Center of North Conway in order to form a community health center. We anticipate offering primary care to our patients by July 2001.

The Conway office will be relocating to the medical arts building on Route 16 near Conway IGA. The Wolfeboro site will remain in the CCMH building on Bay Street.

Effingham residents served July 1999 – June 2000 = 5

The Family Health Centre
25 Main Street Conway, NH 03818 (603) 447-2054
70 Bay Street, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 (603) 569-3145

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

C/O the Center of Hope Area Agency for Region XI

On behalf of the family Support Program for the Center of Hope, Inc, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to request financial support for families through funding from the Town of Effingham

We would like to request funding this year in the amount of \$300.

We have provided services to approximately seven families who reside in Effingham. Services we provide fall into the following areas:

- Early Supports & Services
- Educational & Legal Advocacy
- Resource & Referral
- Financial Support
- Respite & Respiteability
- Education
- Transition

On behalf of the families of Effingham who receive our services, we thank you for your support.

Family Support Program
C/o The Center of Hope, Inc.
Area Agency for Region XI
626 Eastman Road
Center Conway, NH 03813-4219
(603) 356-6921
(800) 290-0905

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC), a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack counties, is one of nine regional planning agencies established by state statute. We continued to have a very busy year. We are funded through multiple sources including local dues contributed by member municipalities.

Below is a sample of services provided to Effingham in 2000:

- Provided information to the Effingham Planning Board regarding state laws that govern campgrounds.
- Upgraded the town's historic, natural, and cultural features map, and provided a print out of the database.
- Ordered and delivered to the Effingham Planning Board 20 copies of the 99-2000 Planning and Land Use Regulation books at considerable savings.
- Furnished information regarding the development of Site Plan review Regulations.
- Provided information regarding the timing of a proposed zoning ordinance.
- Advised a planning board member on whom to contact regarding the procedural setup for the trustees of the trust fund.
- Provided the town with 50 copies of Effingham's Master Plan Survey.
- Provided information related to state law on sludge spreading in Maine, which abuts the town of Effingham.
- Furnished information regarding trailers and unregistered vehicles located in an historic district.
- Co-hosted and organized three public municipal law lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues.
- Updated the region's transportation Plan that lays groundwork for local projects to be included in the biennial update of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.
- Continued to convene frequent meetings of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee to improve transportation planning around the region.
- In cooperation with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, we organized a daylong workshop on "Planning Board" basics that was well received by area participants.

Lakes Region Planning Commission
Toby Eaton, Chairman
103 Main Street, Suite #3
Meredith, NH 03253
(603)279-8171
www.lakesrpc.org

STARTING POINT
Services for victims of domestic and sexual violence

Our organization is requesting the sum of \$300 from the Town of Effingham for the 2001 budget year.

Starting Point, formerly Carroll County Against Domestic Violence & Rape is a non-profit agency providing services for victims of domestic and sexual violence in Carroll County. Our organization exists within the community to work closely within the criminal justice system to insure that the victims rights have been observed at all times.

From January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999, residents of the Town of Effingham received the following services from Starting Point staff and volunteers:

5 household encompassing 20 contacts
2 court-hearing accompaniments

We urge you to encourage and support programs and laws that protect our residents from victimization. Only then can we insure a safer community for our children and ourselves.

Mary Mayhew
Executive Director

Victim Totals 1/1/99 – 12/31/99

Domestic Violence

Emotional Abuse	12
Physical Abuse	5
<u>Sexual Assault</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	20

Starting Point
Mary Mayhew, Executive Director
PO Box 1972
Conway, New Hampshire 03818-1972
(603)356-7993

VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION HOSPICE OF SOUTHERN CARROLL COUNTY

The year 2000 was a real challenge for the home care industry and for VNA-Hospice. The services that are offered in this program are grant funded and most of the funding sources are either giving level funding or have decreased their funding, resulting in increased losses.

The Hospice program provided end-of-life and palliative care services to 105 patients this past year and had a total of 5010 hospice days. Over 1000 visits were made by volunteers to our clients. The Hospice program lost over \$192,000 during the last year and this was a result of clients being referred to the program very close to their death when care is most expensive. The cost of medications and durable medical supplies has increased significantly, without any increase in funding from Medicare. In fact, for every \$1.00 reimbursed to the program, we spent over \$1.30.

The Home Care program is certified by Medicare and remains the largest of the agency's programs.

It provides for skilled nursing, psychiatric nursing, personal care, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy in a client's home. The year 2000 has been a challenging year because of the change in the way its services were being reimbursed.

The staff has driven over 36,000 miles while making over 33,000 visits to residents of Southern Carroll county and Effingham this year. In Effingham, VNA-Hospice made 512 visits, 197 of which were in our hospice program.

HISTORIC DATA:

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
\$ request	7685	1825	1382	1076	1671
# of visits	1795	1121	888	662	512

The year 2001 appropriation request is based on last year's (actual) losses from VNA-Hospice services provided to your community.

VNA-Hospice
Marilyn Barba, MS, RN, Executive Director
PO Box 1620
Wolfeboro, NH 03894
(603) 569-2729

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE

Raymond S. Burton, Councilor

The constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Executive Council are within the Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State government. Our role is much like a board of directors of a large company. We are charged with carrying out the laws and budget passed by the New Hampshire House and Senate.

If anyone is interested in making a volunteer contribution of their time and talent on a Board or Commission through the appointment process of the Governor and Council, please contact my office or Kathy Good, Council Liaison, Governor's Office, State House, Concord, NH 03301, (603) 271-2121, and ask for the appointment list for 2001. As your Councilor, I am always looking for people to serve on a multitude of boards and commissions in your state government.

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (five Executive Councilors and the Commissioner of Transportation) will be holding hearings around the state on citizen and regional planning commission recommendations for improving our highway system throughout New Hampshire. If you have suggestions on a needed improvement, please send them to your regional planning commission or to my office soon they may be given consideration.

The Regional Health Planning District Councils continue to meet and consider major changes in the health maintenance system for citizens both at the local and state levels. Anyone wishing to serve on your region's District Health council should contact my office or Lori Real; Director of Planning Research at NH Health and Human services Department, 271-4235.

I urge your town and region to be in constant contact with our New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to let them know of your ideas, concerns and desires. I am interested in promoting projects to send to Senators Smith and Gregg and Congressman Sununu and Bass.

I recommend use of the NH Webster System at **www.state.state.nh.us** A complete directory of phone numbers and addresses of all state agencies is listed for your convenience.

As always, know my office is at your service. Contact me anytime.

Raymond S. Burton
District One Executive Council
Room 207
State House
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-3632

VITAL STATISTICS REPORTED TO THE TOWN CLERK

Year ending December 31, 2000

MARRIAGES

Date	Name of bride and groom	Residence
January 1	Cragin, A. Bruce	Effingham
	Hartwell, Tracy S.	Effingham
May 21	Tessier, Stephen E.	Effingham
	Catauro, Carol C.	Effingham
June 4	Emanus, Shawn M.	Effingham
	Mandile, Billijo F.	Effingham
June 17	Crane, Francis Joseph III	Boston, MA
	Little, Kimberley M.	Boston, MA
June 17	Moody, Frederick W.	Effingham
	Frost, Amy J.	Effingham
June 21	Perkins, Dale A.	Brandon, VT
	Zani, Ann Louise	Brandon, VT
June 24	Frye, Thomas F.	Effingham
	Morrisette, Jodie D.	Poland, ME
August 19	Winn, Brian T.	Effingham
	Tarbox, Cheryl L.	Effingham
October 23	Ellis, Jon W.	Effingham
	Whitman, Peggy Lee	Effingham
November 4	Loyas, Robert	Effingham
	Fortier, Cheryl A.	Effingham

BIRTHS

Date	Name of child	Parents
April 6	Benjamin Jack Eldridge	Timothy and Jessica Eldridge
April 26	Faith Lynn Murphy	Jeffery and Suzanne Murphy
May 25	Paige Olivia Edwards	Robert and Erin Edwards
July 21	Kaylin Renee White	Jeremy and Sarah White
Sept. 29	Jessie Marie Blanchette	Shawn and Lisa Blanchette
Dec. 17	Stephen Austin Sinapius	Daniel and Tammy Sinapius
Dec. 22	Ceara Joy Gurley	Cristin and Fred Gurley

DEATHS

Date	Name of deceased	Place of Death
January 23	Chick, Harry W.	Ossipee, NH
February 7	Wheeler, Charles Albert	Wolfeboro, NH
April 6	Thurston, Zelma N.	Wolfeboro, NH
April 16	Cosentino, Anthony	Effingham, NH
May 4	Brown, Marilyn V.	Wolfeboro, NH
June 15	Vail, Leonard E.	Wolfeboro, NH
October 2	Potter, Caroline Alice	Portland, ME
October 20	Van Tassel, Raymond B.	Effingham, NH
November 17	King, Alma A.	Effingham, NH

ELECTION RESULTS - 2000

Selectman (3-year term)
 John Meisner 254
 Christopher Seamans 157

Town Clerk (3-year term)
 Andrea S. Hubbard 299
 Mellisa Ferland 93
 Meredith Burton 20

Tax Collector (3-year term)
 Andrea S. Hubbard 302
 Meredith Burton 93
 Mellisa Ferland 11

Treasurer (3-year term)
 Laurie Caldwell 363

Trustee of Trust Funds (3-year term)
 Joyce Van Tassel 371

Trustee of the Library (3-year term)
 Carol Johnson 22
 Jacqueline Leavitt 16

Moderator (2-year term)
 Stephen H. Schofield 210
 Susan Slack 203

Checklist Supervisor (6-year term)
 Barbara Witham 350

Budget Committee (2-year term)
 Donald L. LaChance 313

Budget Committee (3-year term)
 Vote for Two
 Mellisa Ferland 293
 Arthur Surette 17
 Stanley Drelick 16

Planning Board (3-year terms)
 Vote for Two
 John R. Jenkins 188
 Gary N. Jewell 243
 Donna Nicholson 164
 Lee A. Spiller 172

Cemetery Trustee (1-year term)
 Craig Howard 356

Cemetery Trustee (1-year term)
 Mellisa Ferland 333

Cemetery Trustee (3-year term)
 Peter Case 337

CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

Cemetery trustees met several times this year. Karen and Craig Howard graciously accepted appointment to the board.

Through careful husbandry of the line item and with the confidence of the selectmen, monies have been paid to Union Marble to secure a spot on their spring schedule to begin construction of a granite post fence connected by metal pipes that will circumfuse Woodland Cemetery, Section II. It is hoped that the citizenry will vote to fund the balance of the cost of completing the fence this year through a warrant article which will be presented in the March meeting.

It is also part of the trustees plan, to return the balance of the line item, which is usually more than half, to the general fund for the express purpose of reducing taxes. The Cemetery Trust Funds are in fine shape and it looks as though more money can be returned to the general fund, to reduce taxes, through the mechanics of a previously passed warrant article.

However shocking it is to compare today's cost of mowing to yesteryear's, the cemeteries must be mowed. This year the Trustees plan to solicit bids from landscapers and individuals who will perform the hateful task on a schedule prescribed by the trustees.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Howard
Craig Howard
P. Case

September 19, 2000

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SUBJECT TO REVISION
ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Board of Selectmen
Town Office
Effingham, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Effingham, New Hampshire, for the year ended December 31, 1999, we considered the Town's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

During our audit we did not become aware of any matters that were opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The material that follows addresses the status of the prior year's audit finding and recommendations. This letter does not affect our report dated September 19, 2000 on the financial statements of the Town of Effingham.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various Town personnel and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

MASON + RICH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
Certified Public Accountants

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS :

TOWN GENERAL FUND:

Cash and Other Account Reconciliations on One Write Plus

Finding/Recommendation - We had noted that the final cash balance on the computer at year end had not been reconciled and adjusted to the Treasurer's bank reconciliation at year end. It is essential that the month end cash balance on the computer be reconciled and adjusted each month to the Treasurer's cash balance that has been reconciled to the bank. Also, the accounting software does offer a bank reconciliation feature that may be helpful in compiling outstanding check listings at the end of the month.

In addition, it is as important that other balance sheet accounts, especially including payroll withholding accounts, be reviewed at the end of each month and the balance, if any, be reconciled.

Status - We noted that the cash balance and other balance sheet accounts had been reconciled at the end of 1999.

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STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued):

TAX COLLECTOR:

General - Training

Finding/Recommendation - We noted during our 1995 audit that the Tax Collector had not been formally trained in the use of the tax collector's software. Consequently, the software was not being used in the most efficient manner. In particular, the necessary monthly reconciliations that must be done each month were not being done. Monthly reconciliations must be done each month from the reports for the month generated by the computer to the Treasurer's deposits and also to backup documentation, i.e. abatements from the Board of Selectmen, approved tax warrant totals, added tax warrants, tax deeded property, etc.

As the Tax Collector's position is only "part-time", it is important that the Tax Collector be able to use the software in the most efficient manner to increase her productivity. Also, because the package is operating as a stand alone package, it is absolutely crucial for both good internal control purposes and to insure that outstanding tax and lien listings are correctly stated, that certain monthly reconciliations and proofs be done timely. By reconciling on a monthly basis, it will ensure that all items for the month are posted to the correct account and correct period on the system. We strongly recommend that the Town check with BMSI on formal training for the Tax Collector on the proper use of the software and also consider contracting with Mason + Rich to provide additional services in training the Tax Collector on the various monthly reconciliations that must be done.

Status - The Tax Collector has had some on site training with BMSI and a number of the problems noted in our 1996 audit have since been addressed. However, we still had to spend substantial additional time to perform the monthly reconciliations. The monthly reconciliations are not being completed properly to reconcile the computer reports to backup documentation and also to the Treasurer's receipts totals. We would recommend that additional training be done in this area.

Management's Comments -

Posting of Cash Receipts

Finding/Recommendation - We noted that on the Tax Collector's trial balance report, the columns for receipts for taxes and interest and costs also included payments on property that had been tax deeded, as well as various adjustments that had been posted to receipts. The columns for receipts on the trial balance should include only actual receipts, as these two columns must reconcile monthly to the actual deposits made per the Treasurer's records by the Tax Collector.

Status - We noted that this had been corrected

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued):**TAX COLLECTOR (Continued):****Tax Deeded Property and Abatements**

Finding/recommendation - We noted that the tax deeded properties were not being properly recorded on the system. The Tax Collector was recording tax deeded property by changing the property owner's name to that of the Town. The proper method is to have the system tax deed the property. At the time of tax deeding, the system will automatically remove the tax deeded property from the Tax Collector's records. At that time, the property is transferred by the Tax Collector to the Town for acceptance by the Board and any subsequent payments, sale or payment agreement on the tax deeded property would be through the Selectmen's office. Verbal agreements with the owners of tax deeded property for subsequent payment schedules should ideally be structured in the form of a written note or mortgage and should be recorded to protect the Town's interest.

Status - With additional training from the software vendor, BMSI, this has been addressed. We had previously noted that notes or mortgage receivables had been written and recorded to protect the Town's interest.

Posting of Receipts Received in the Mail

Finding/Recommendation - We noted that the Tax Collector posted payments received in the mail using the postmark date on the envelope as the deposit date. However, as these deposits were done at the same time as normal deposits for that day, it was extremely difficult to reconcile the total postings to actual deposits for the month. Deposits for payments received in the mail should be entered on the system and done as a separate deposit to facilitate reconciliations to the Treasurer's records for the month.

Status - This item was addressed with additional training from BMSI, the software vendor.

Posting of Abatements

Finding/Recommendation - We had noted in 1996 that the tax collector posted 1996 abatements for supplemental taxes to the prior years, instead of posting them in 1996. This changed the beginning balances on the computer generated reports. We had recommended that the Tax Collector post abatements in the year that they are received and approved. Abatements should not be posted to prior years as then there will be a reconciliation problem with the beginning balances.

Status - We noted that this was corrected.

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